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"What's the Point?"
Sonic finds the perfect present for Princes Sally: a pet Mobian Needlebird. The Needlebird, dubbed Thorny, has become quite a nuisance, destroying Sally's birthday celebration. Things go from bad to worse as Sally is put in a dangerous situation and only Thorny can save her!

Sonic the Hedgehog #10
"Revenge of the Nerbs"
Sonic and the Freedom Fighters are saved from Robotnik by the underground-dwelling Nerbs. These quiet, private and peaceful creatures tell Sonic and his friends of Robotnik's latest plans and his Nerb hostages. Can Sonic, the Freedom Fighters and the Nerbs save the day or will they get buried trying?

"Twan With the Wind"
The Freedom Fighters use Antoine's hot air balloon to scout out a suitable location for their picnic. When Buzzbombers attack the balloon, Robotnik learns of the picnic and decides to crash it! Can cowardly Antoine patch the balloon and rescue his friends, or are his plans full of hot air?

Sonic the Hedgehog #11
"The Good, the Bad, and the Hedgehog"

The first appearance of Evil Sonic! Just as fast, powerful and all evil! Finding a universe where everything is reversed, Sonic goes toe-to-toe with someone who is his equal in every way!

"Beat the Clock"

Tired of being second banana and coveting a top slot on Robotnik's Top Ten Badniks List, Coconuts does the unthinkable and captures the Freedom Fighters. Will his monkey business lead to a slip up, or will Coconuts be a great ape?!

"Food for Thought/You Are What You Eat"

After scarfing down a ton of chili dogs as a midnight snack, Sonic dreams that everyone has turned into fast food: Sonic is a chili dog, Sally is an ice cream cone, Tails is an order of fries, and they all confront Chef Ivo Robo-Burger. Will our heroes put evil on a diet or will they be deep fried?!

Sonic the Hedgehog #12
"A Timely Arrival"

Robotnik uses a time machine to send Sonic to the past! Sonic is trapped in prehistoric Mobius where he meets Sonugh the Boghog, the caveman Ivo Robotnik, and other Freedom Fighter ancestors. This may be one dino-disaster even Sonic can't escape from!

"Bold-Headed Eagle"

Can Cyril, the last of the eagles, help Sonic defeat Robotnik before his sanctuary is destroyed? Or will this elderly eagle's goose be cooked?

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THE HEDGEHOGS
WHY NOT... I'VE GOT 2 TAILS!
DON'T WORRY, SALLY... I'LL SAVE YOU!
FORGET IT, CHUMP! THE BABE IS MINE!
ACME SAFE CO.
I'M SEEING DOUBLE!
DON'T MISS THE SAGA OF
PSEUDO-SONIC!
MANAK / D'AGOSTINO

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN PSEUDO-SONIC! PART I

I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU!

NAME: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
ADDRESS: GREAT FOREST
HT.
WT.
SPEED:
FAVORITE FOOD:
REFERENCES:

DANGER

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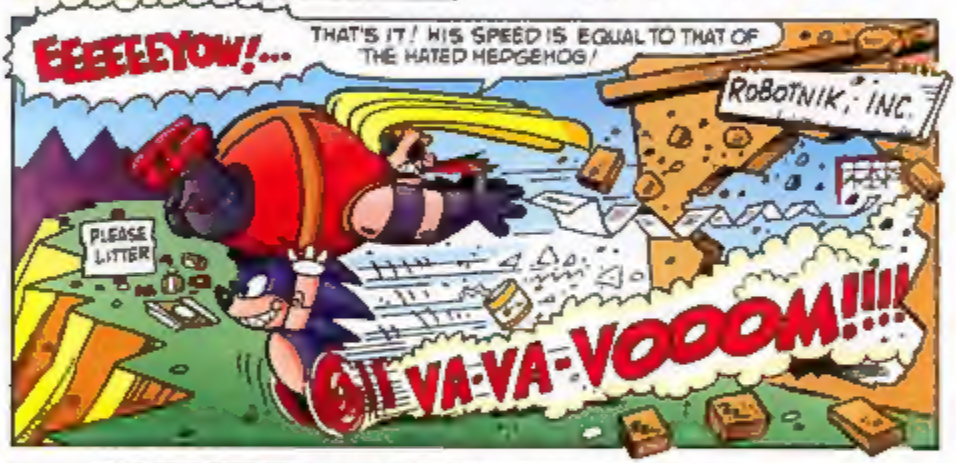
RRRRRRAPITTAFLAP FLAP FLAP...

REFERENCES:

AND I'VE USED THIS INFORMATION TO CREATE -- (NOW I KNOW I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE, BUT THIS TIME I REALLY MEAN IT)--THE ULTIMATE EVIL ROBOT!

...PSEUDO-SONIC'!!
AT YOUR SERVICE, OH GREAT AND OVERWEIGHT ONE!
A HINTS THE TITLE OF THIS STORY... ED
ASIDE FROM KNOWING HOW TO PROPERLY ADDRESS HIS SUPERIORS, PSEUDO-SONIC HAS MANY POWERS...LET'S SEE...REQUIRES 3500 AA BATTERIES... NO- THAT'S NOT ONE...
Rattle... Rattle... Rattle...

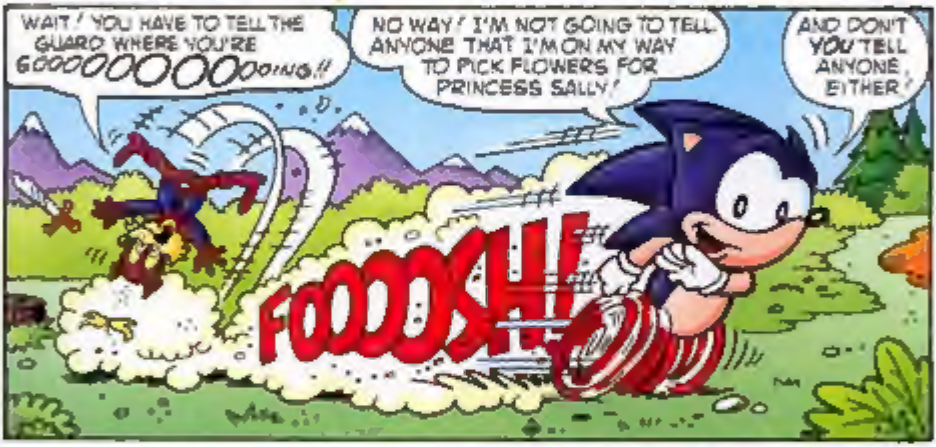

EEEEEEYOW!...
THAT'S IT! HIS SPEED IS EQUAL TO THAT OF THE HATED HEDGEHOG!
ROBOTNIK, INC.
PLEASE LITTER
VA-VA-VOOOM!!!!

AND HE CAN STOP ON A D!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
YOU SAID THE WORD "STOP"!
Twang
URT!
DIME

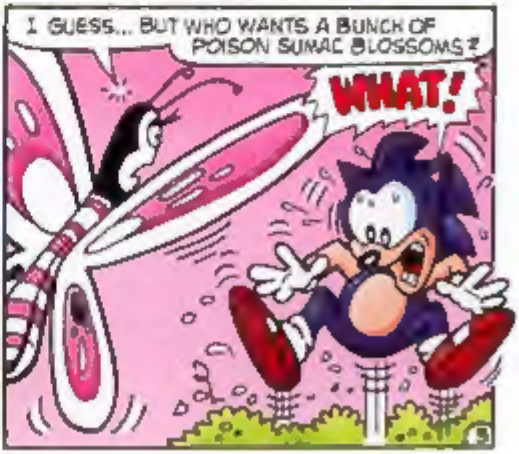
HARUMPH! OF COURSE, THERE ARE STILL A FEW 'BOT BUGS TO IRON OUT!
YIPE!
FLEE!
I'LL FLEE WHEN I'M READY... DON'T TICK ME OFF!

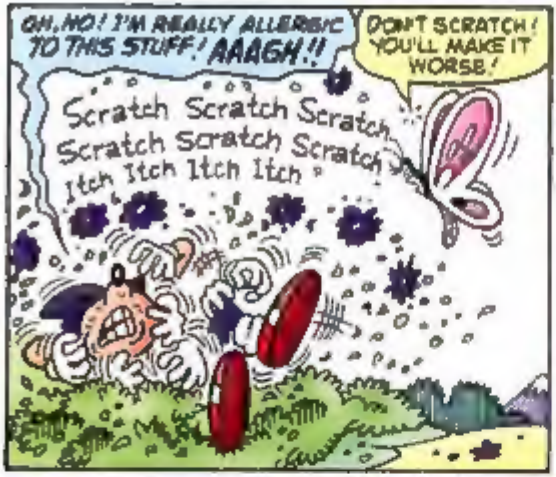
MEANWHILE, DEEP IN THE GREAT FOREST...
OW!
OH, SORRY, TWAN... I HOPE THAT DOESN'T MAKE YOUR SWOLLEN HEAD ANY WORSE! :chuckle:

TSK, TSK, SONIC-- I'M ON GUARD DUTY, PROTECTING THE SECRET ENTRANCE TO KNOTHOLE...
YEAH, YEAH... I'LL SEE YOU LATER...


WAIT! YOU HAVE TO TELL THE GUARD WHERE YOU'RE GOOOOOOOOOOING!!
NO WAY! I'M NOT GOING TO TELL ANYONE THAT I'M ON MY WAY TO PICK FLOWERS FOR PRINCESS SALLY!
AND DON'T YOU TELL ANYONE, EITHER!
FOOOOSH!

SOON:
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE MEADOW?
HEY, BETTY BUTTERFLY! I'M JUST PICKING A BOUQUET... IS THAT OKAY?


I GUESS... BUT WHO WANTS A BUNCH OF POISON SUMAC BLOSSOMS?
WHAT!


OH, NO! I'M REALLY ALLERGIC TO THIS STUFF! AAAGH!!
DON'T SCRATCH! YOU'LL MAKE IT WORSE!
Scratch Scratch Scratch Scratch Scratch Scratch Itch Itch Itch Itch

YOW...THIS IS REALLY GETTING GROSS! MAYBE I SHOULD BLOCK YOUR VIEW!... NO? ARE YOU SURE?...OKAY...

YOU ASKED FOR IT...
SWOLLEN SONIC!
Ooo OOgah... I DON'T FEEL VERY GOOD...

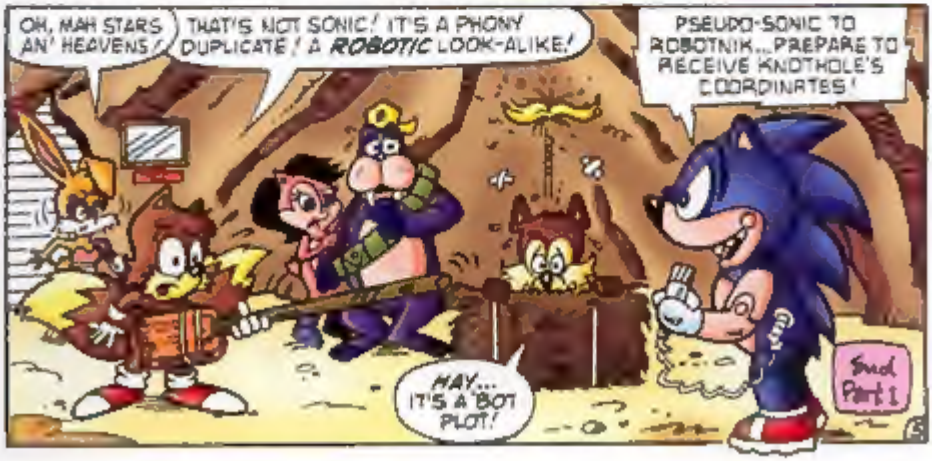
JUST THEN:
WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME! YOU KNOW WE LOCK THE DOOR AT DUSK!... CURFEW, YOU KNOW...CURFEW!!
GESUNDHEIT!

VERY FUNNY!...I SUPPOSE YOU'D ALSO LAUGH IF ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S ROBOTS DISCOVERED HOW TO REACH OUR HEADQUARTERS...
:snicker:
ALL FREEDOM FIGHTERS MUST WASH LIMBS BEFORE ENTERING OR LEAVING THEIR STUMP TO KNOT HOLE
WAY

DOWN BELOW!
AIN'T YOU SWEET, TAILS... Y'ALL SWEPT THE HAIR OUTTA MAH SHOP!
HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW, MS. RABBOT!
SONIC AND 'TWAN ARE LATE!
TO SURFACE
I HEAR THEM COMING!
Bunnie's Salon
CLOSED
ROTOR

ALL RIGHT - ALL RIGHT!!! STOP PUSHING!
JUST IN TIME!... FIRST ANTOINE...
FUMF!

... AND THEN, SON! gasp!!
"SONGASP"? DON'T Y'ALL MEAN "SON-GASP"?
gasp!
gasp!
SECURITY GATE


OH, MAH STARS AN' HEAVENS!
THAT'S NOT SONIC! IT'S A PHONY DUPLICATE! A ROBOTIC LOOK-ALIKE!
PSEUDO-SONIC TO ROBOTNIK...PREPARE TO RECEIVE KNOTHOLE'S COORDINATES!
MAY... IT'S A 'BOT PLOT!
End Part 1

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN PSEUDO-SONIC! PART II

PSEUDO-SONIC! HOW DID YOU DISCOVER THE SECRET LOCATION OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS?

IT WAS SIMPLE, OH KEEPER OF THE SPARE TIRE...

I CRISS-CROSSED THE GREAT FOREST AT SUPER SPEED UNTIL I SPOTTED ANTOINE AND ERSLY DUPED HIM INTO REVEALING THE ENTRANCE!

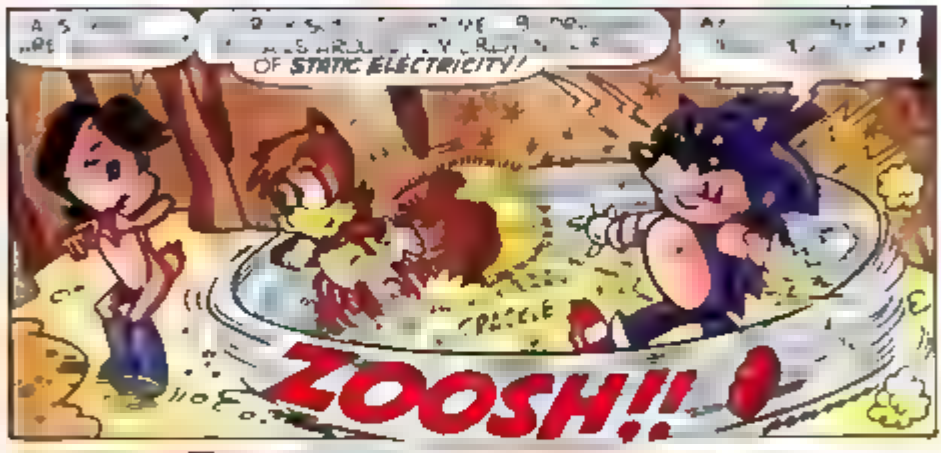
GIVE US A BREAK! THAT WAS TARKIS WAS DRAWN IN SILHOUETTE!!

NOW ANTOINE BLAMES OUR ARTIST! WHAT'S NEXT?! - THE EDITORS

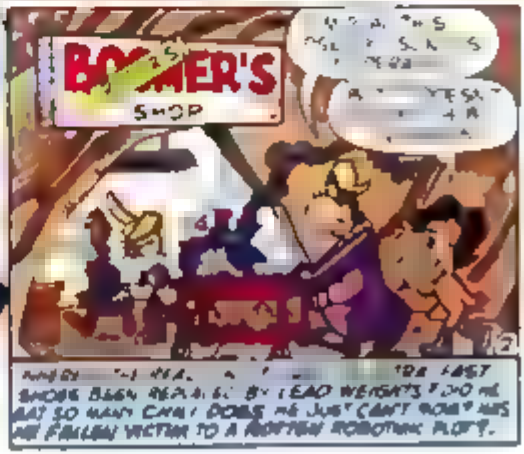
WELL DONE. GIVE ME THE COORDINATES.
AS YOU COMMAND, MY LORD!

BZZT! THE DEVICE SPARKS AND BURNS!
CRACKLE

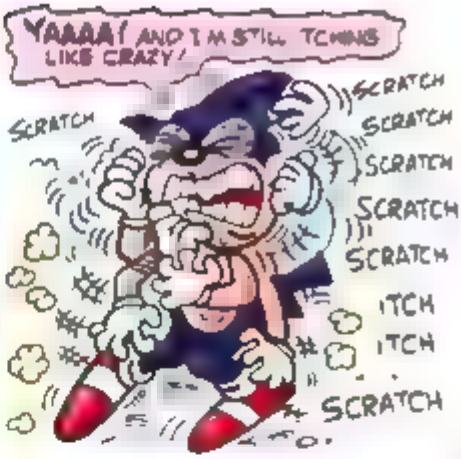
WHAT? WHAT? C'MON--I PAID MY CABLE BILL!
TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY
AAARGH!


OF STATIC ELECTRICITY!
ZOOSH!!

OVERLOAD! BOOM! EXPLODE
THE TIN CAN CONTRAPTION BLEW UP!
IT'S OUT INTO MY SHOP SO I CAN ANALYZE IT.


BOOMER'S SHOP

NAW -- HE JUST NEEDS TO BRUSH UP ON HIS BOTANY!
HUFF PUFF HOO BOY I TOOK ALL OF MY STRENGTH TO CRAWL OUT OF THAT POISON SUMAC PATCH


YAAAA! AND I'M STILL ITCHING LIKE CRAZY!
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
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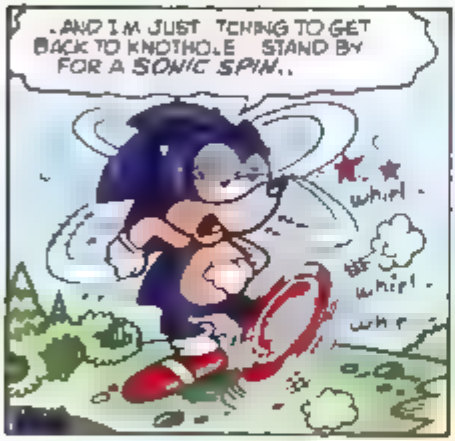
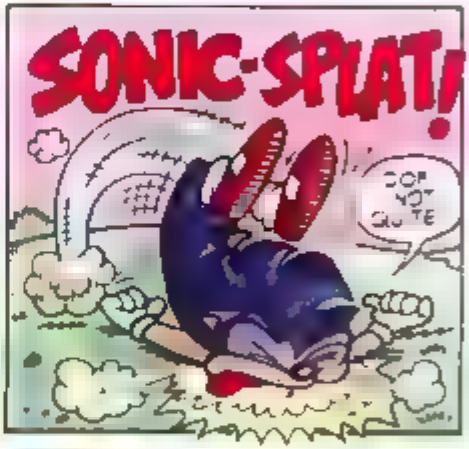
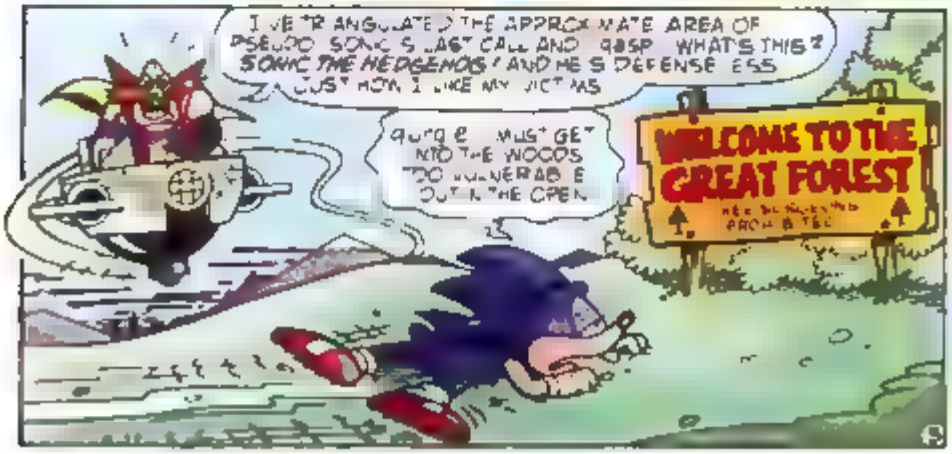
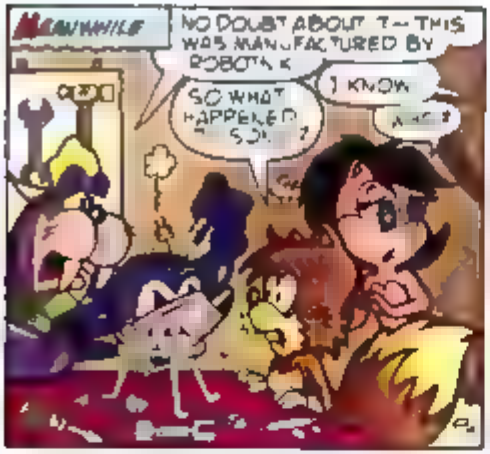
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
ITCH
ITCH
SCRATCH

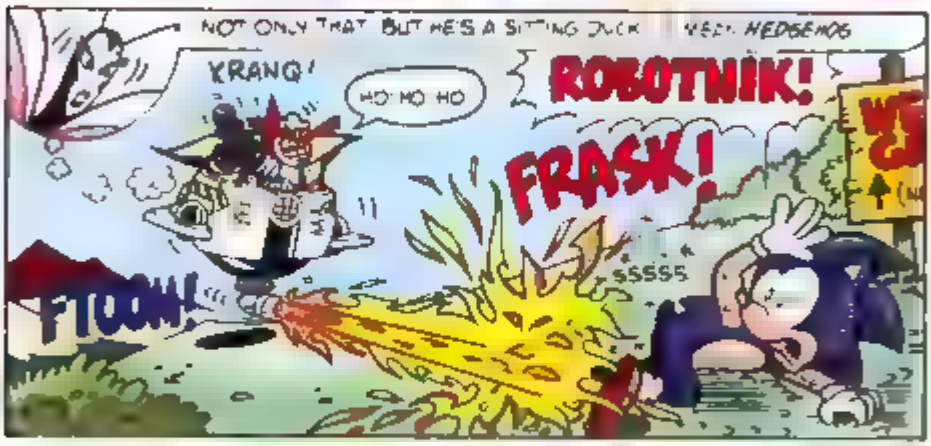

...AND I'M JUST ITCHING TO GET BACK TO KNOTHOLE STAND BY FOR A SONIC SPIN...
whirl
whirl
whirl

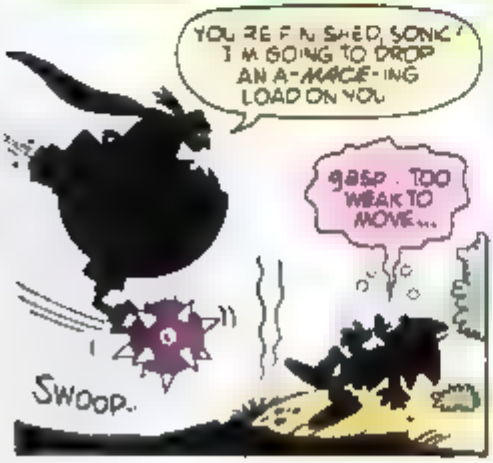

SONIC-SPLAT!
OOF NOT QUITE


I'VE TRIANGULATED THE APPROXIMATE AREA OF PSEUDO SONIC SLAGT CALL AND 98SP WHAT'S THIS? SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! AND HE'S DEFENSELESS JUST HOW I LIKE MY VICTIMS
GURGLE MUST GET INTO THE WOODS TOO VULNERABLE OUT IN THE OPEN
WELCOME TO THE GREAT FOREST

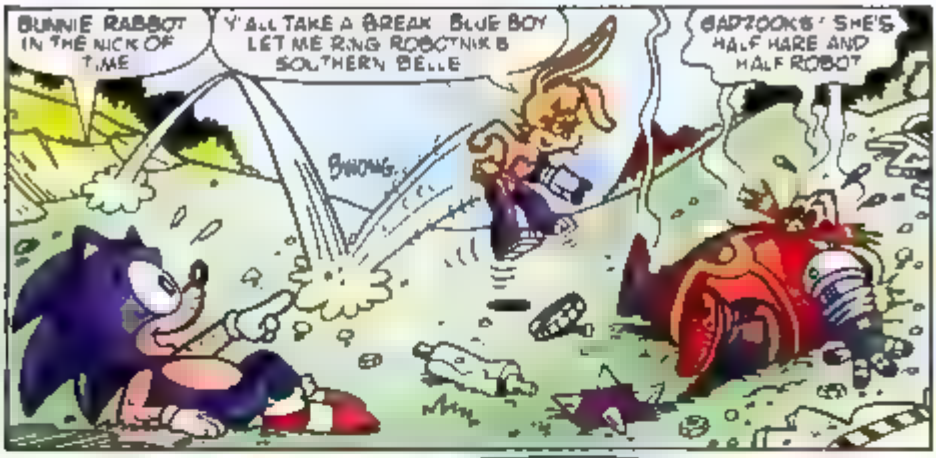

MEANWHILE
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT — THIS WAS MANUFACTURED BY ROBOTNIK
SO WHAT HAPPENED, SON?
I KNOW
AGH!

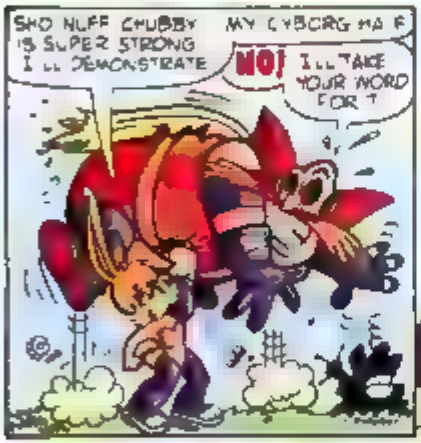
IT'S ME, BETTY BUTTERFLY! SONIC IS TRAPPED IN A FIELD OF POISON SUMAC. HE'S HAVING A REAL BAD REACTION
OH NO!!

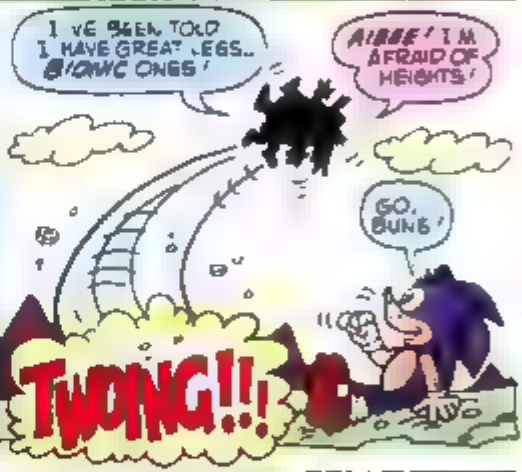

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT HE'S A SITTING DUCK, YEP, HEDGEHOG
KRANG!
HO HO HO
ROBOTNIK!
FRASK!
SSSSS
FTOOM!

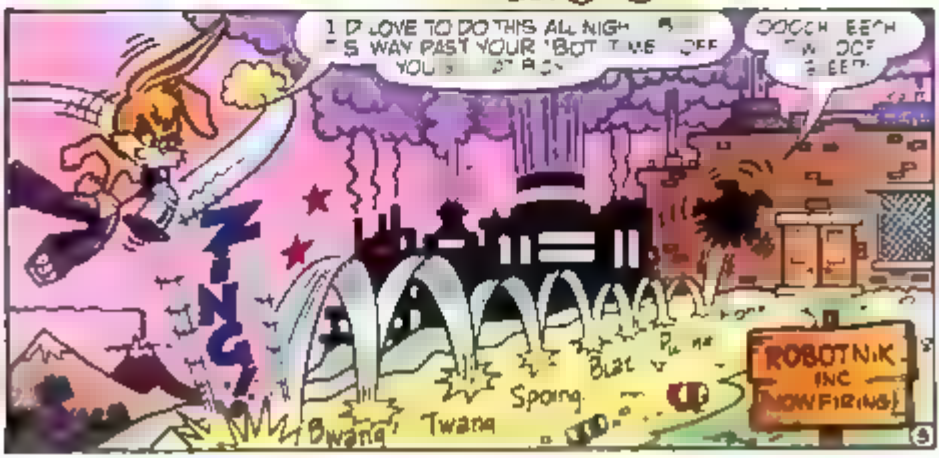

YOU REFINISHED, SONIC! I'M GOING TO DROP AN A-MACE-ING LOAD ON YOU
GASP. TOO WEAK TO MOVE...
SWOOP..

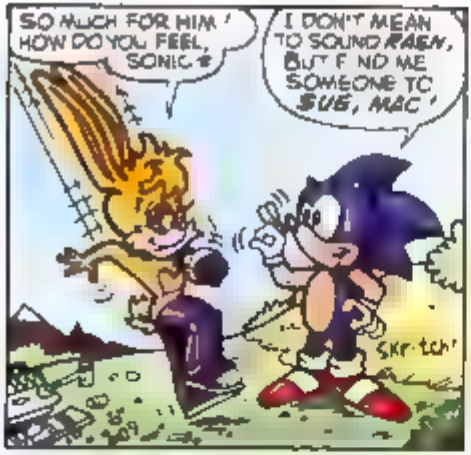
Y'ALL FORGOT TO SAY MAY I ?
(AGH!)
KOM
BA-BLAM


BUNNIE RABBOT IN THE NICK OF TIME
Y'ALL TAKE A BREAK BLUE BOY LET ME RING ROBOTNIK'S SOUTHERN BELLE
BWONG
GADZOOKS! SHE'S HALF HARE AND HALF ROBOT


SHO NUFF CHUBBY IS SUPER STRONG I'LL DEMONSTRATE
MY CYBORG HAND
NO!
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT

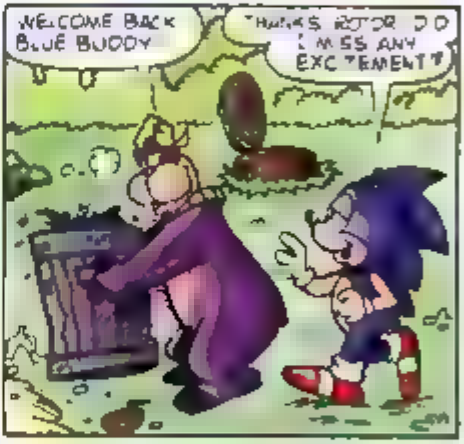

I'VE BEEN TOLD I HAVE GREAT LEGS... BIONIC ONES!
AIEEE! I'M AFRAID OF HEIGHTS!
GO, BUNS!
TWOING!!!

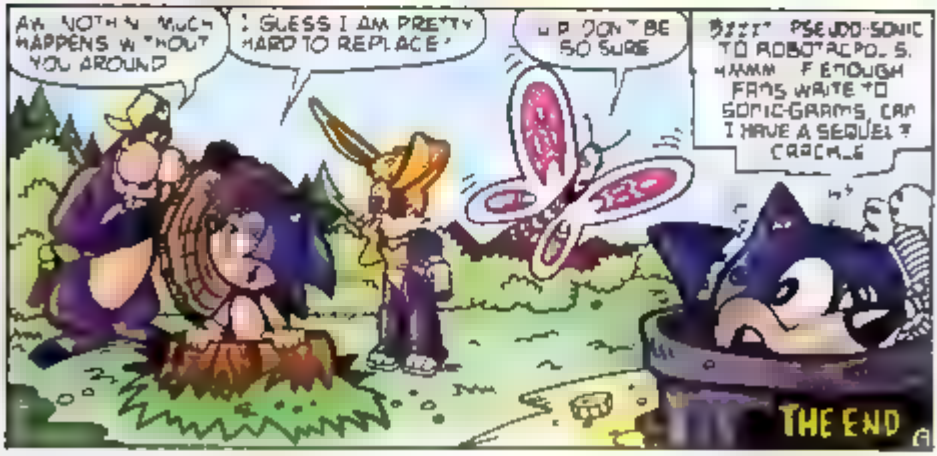

I'D LOVE TO DO THIS ALL NIGHT
ROBOTNIK INC NOW FIRING!
Twang
Spring
Bwang
9

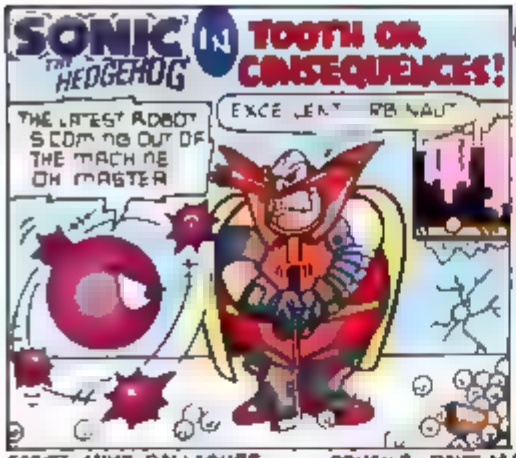

SO MUCH FOR HIM! HOW DO YOU FEEL, SONIC?
I DON'T MEAN TO SOUND RASH, BUT FIND ME SOMEONE TO SUE, MAC!
Skr-tch!

THAT RASH WILL CLEAR UP WITH A DOSE OF MY AUNT LULUMAE'S OINTMENT: CORNMEAL PASTE WITH CLOVES, KUDZU ROOT, BRAMBLE BERRY PITS, EYE OF NEWT
YUK! SOMETIMES THE CURES WORSE THAN THE DISEASE!
SPROING

SOON
HEY EVERYONE! HERE COMES BUNNIE AND THE REAL SONIC! SAY AS LONG AS I'M HERE, I MIGHT AS WELL PUT OUT THE TRASH!


WELCOME BACK BLUE BUDDY.
THANKS, ROTOR. DID I MISS ANY EXCITEMENT?


AW, NOTHIN' MUCH HAPPENS WITHOUT YOU AROUND.
I GUESS I AM PRETTY HARD TO REPLACE!
DON'T BE SO SURE.
BZZZT! PSEUDO-SONIC TO ROBOTRONOS. HMMM... FENOUGH FANS WRITE TO SONIC-GRAMS, CAN I HAVE A SEQUEL? CRACKLE
THE END



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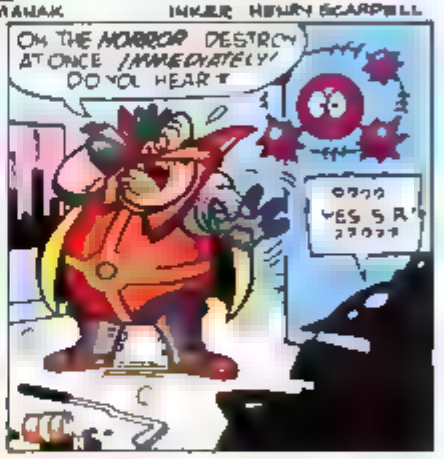

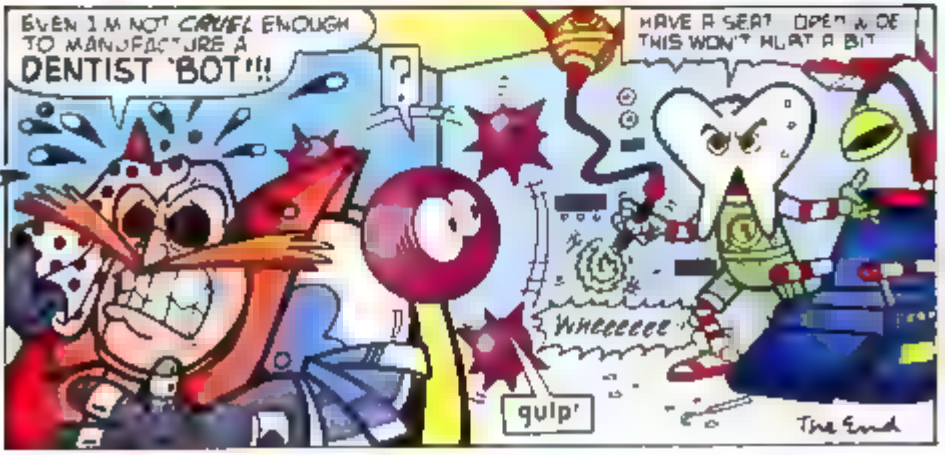

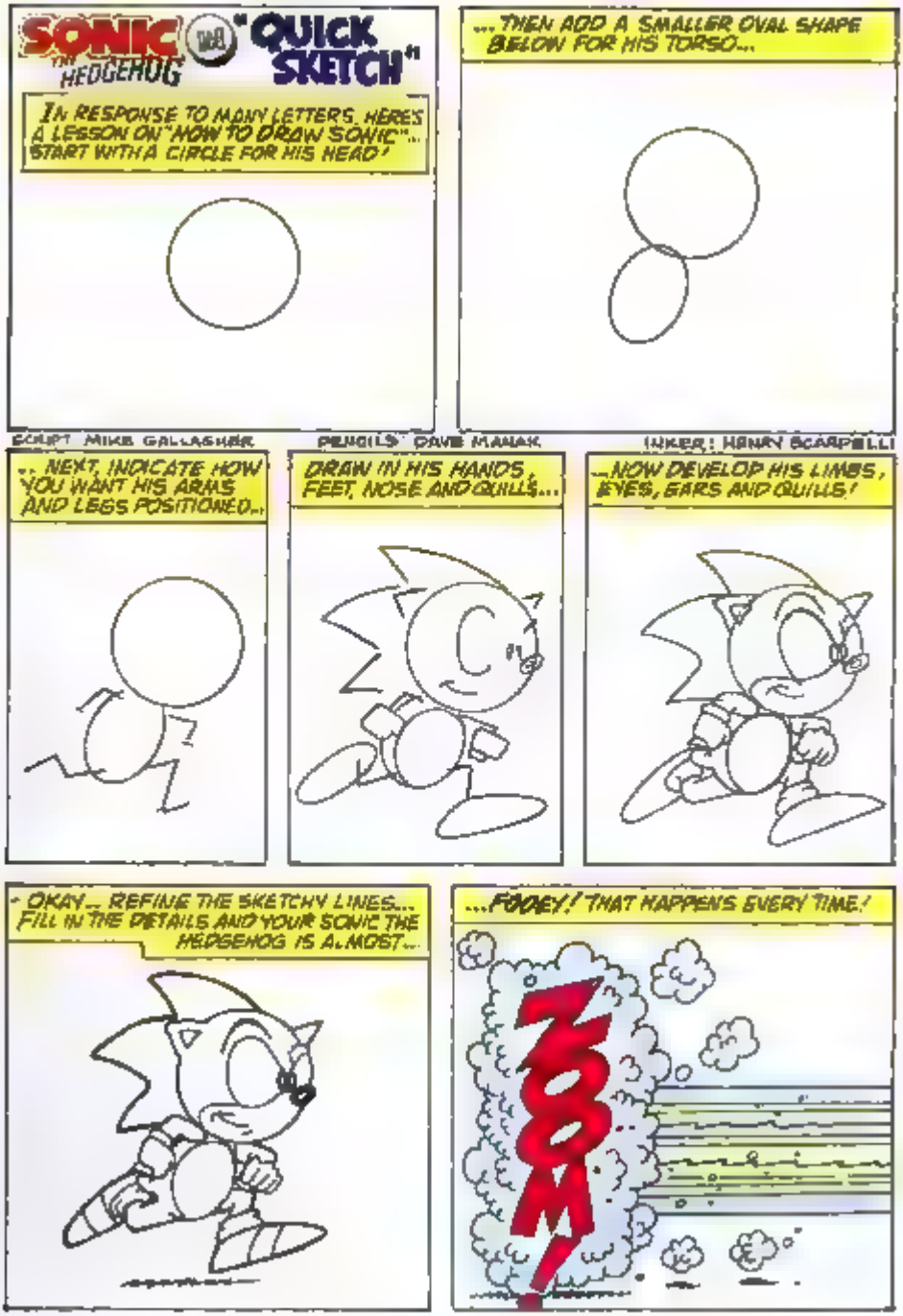
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
"QUICK SKETCH"
IN RESPONSE TO MANY LETTERS, HERE'S A LESSON ON "HOW TO DRAW SONIC"... START WITH A CIRCLE FOR HIS HEAD!
...THEN ADD A SMALLER OVAL SHAPE BELOW FOR HIS TORSO...
SCRIPT: MIKE GALLAGHER
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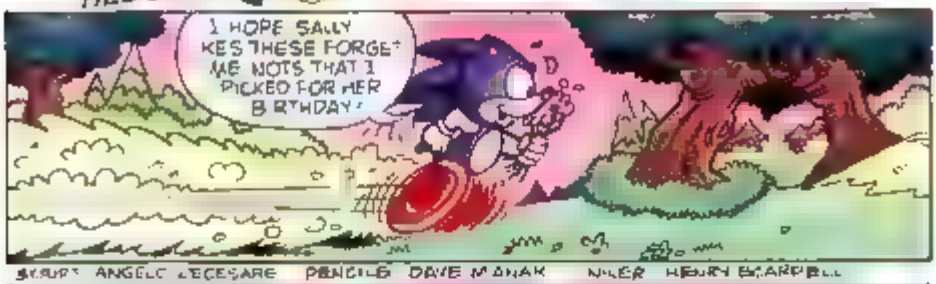
...NEXT, INDICATE HOW YOU WANT HIS ARMS AND LEGS POSITIONED...
DRAW IN HIS HANDS, FEET, NOSE AND QUILLS...
...NOW DEVELOP HIS LIMBS, EYES, EARS AND QUILLS!
...OKAY... REFINE THE SKETCHY LINES... FILL IN THE DETAILS AND YOUR SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS ALMOST...
...FOOEY! THAT HAPPENS EVERY TIME!
ZOOM!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

WHAT'S THE POINT?



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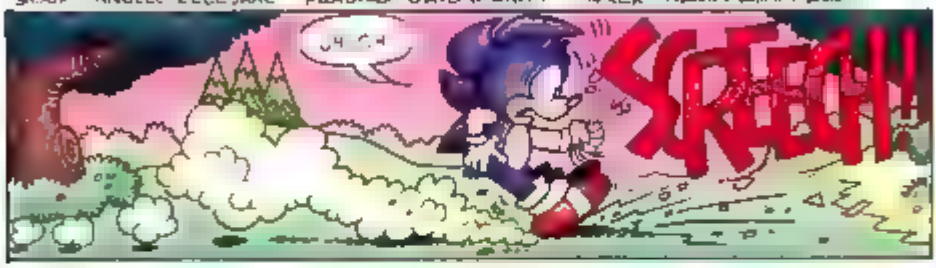

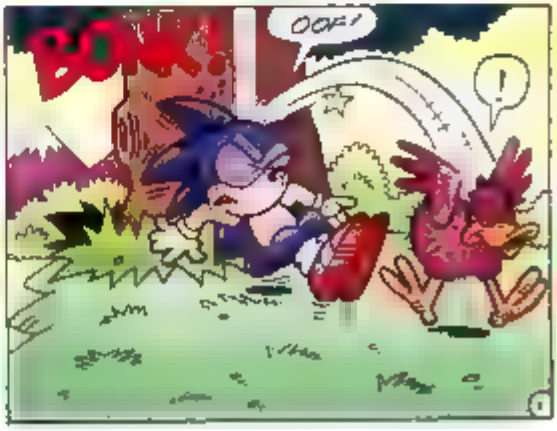

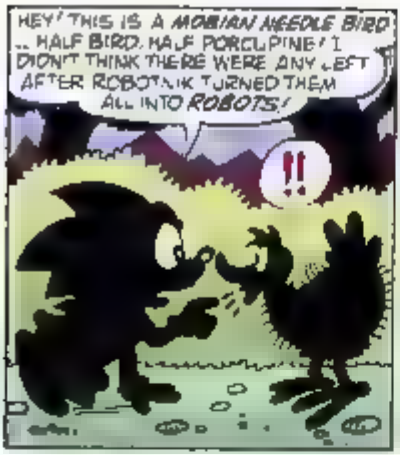
HEY! THIS IS A MOBIAN NEEDLE BIRD ... HALF BIRD, HALF PORCUPINE! I DIDN'T THINK THERE WERE ANY LEFT AFTER ROBOTNIK TURNED THEM ALL INTO ROBOTS!
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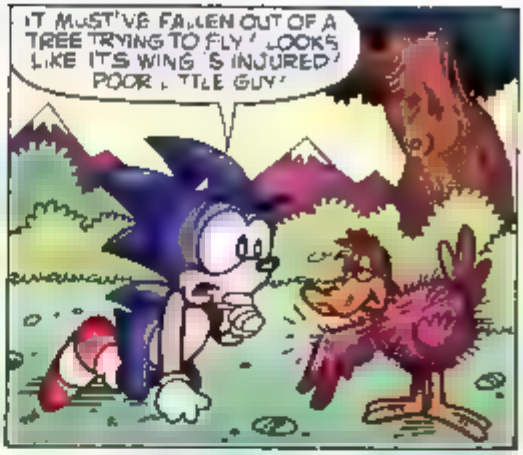
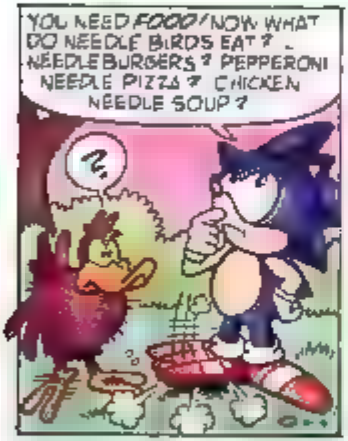
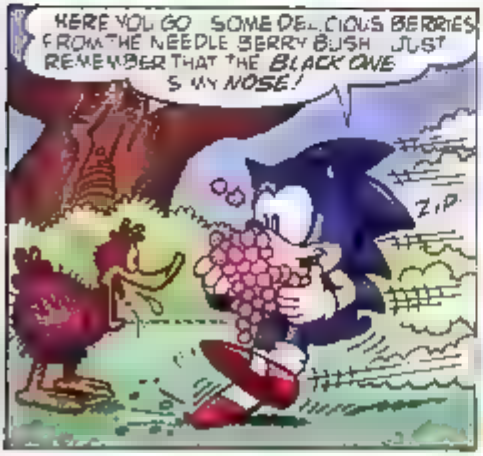
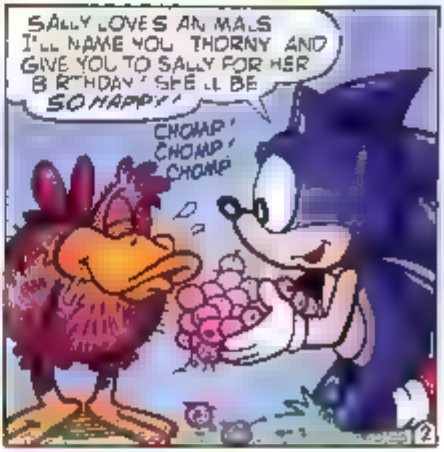

IT MUST'VE FALLEN OUT OF A TREE TRYING TO FLY! LOOKS LIKE ITS WING'S INJURED! POOR LITTLE GUY!

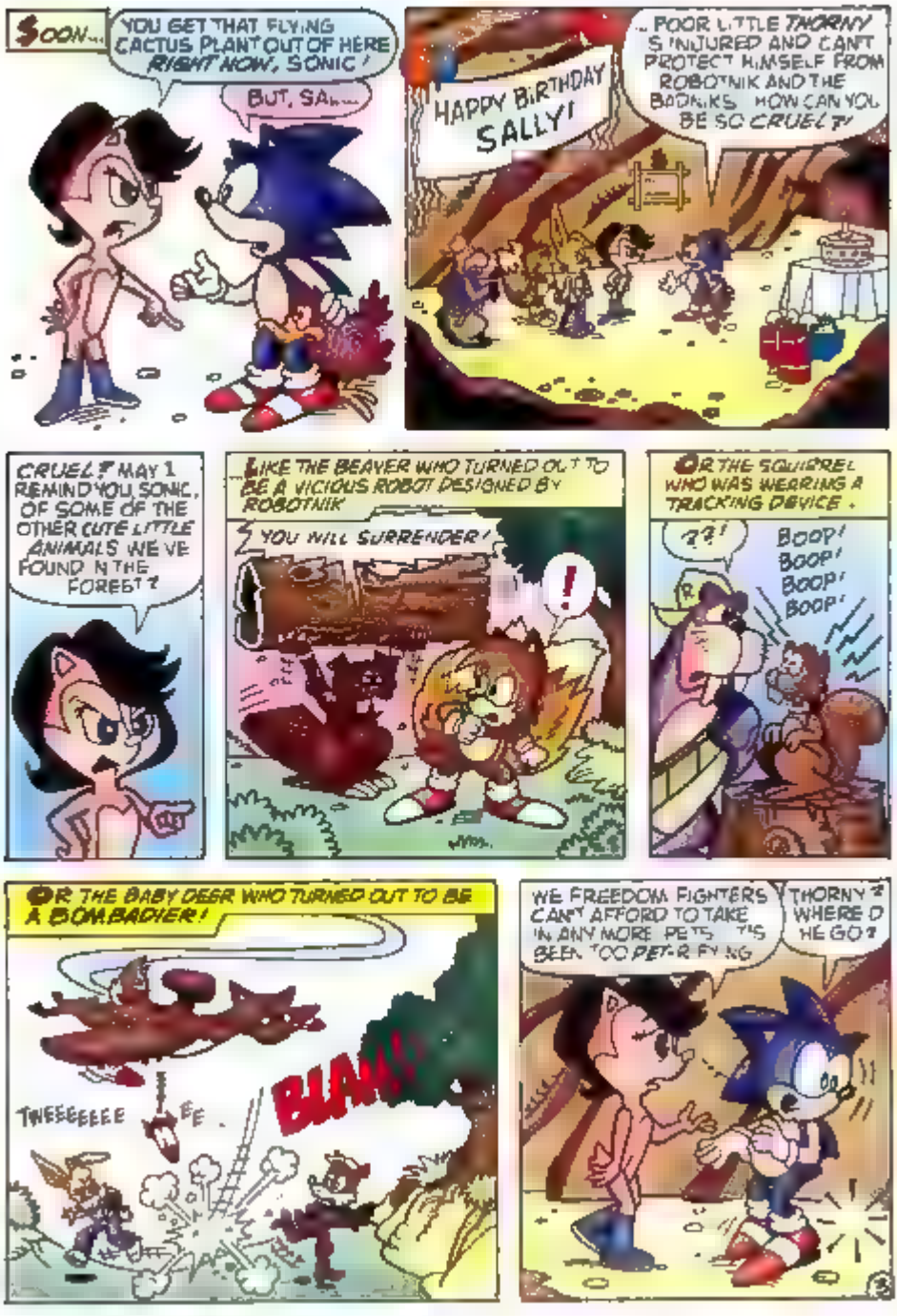

YOU NEED FOOD! NOW WHAT DO NEEDLE BIRDS EAT? NEEDLEBURGERS? PEPPERONI NEEDLE PIZZA? CHICKEN NEEDLE SOUP?
?

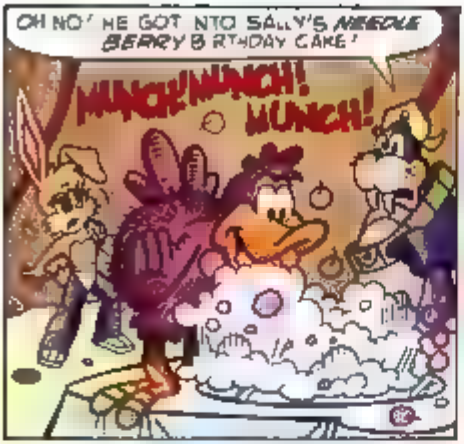
I KNOW!

?!
ZAAK!

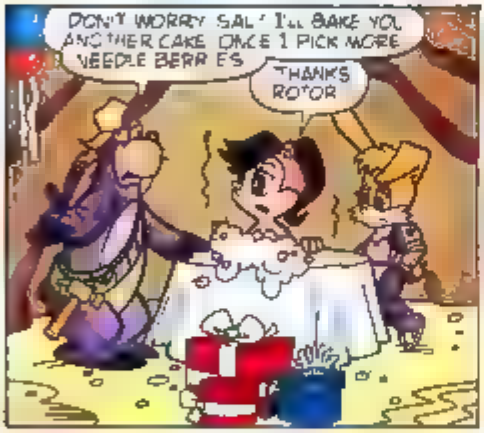

HERE YOU GO. SOME DELICIOUS BERRIES FROM THE NEEDLE BERRY BUSH. JUST REMEMBER THAT THE BLACK ONE IS MY NOSE!
ZIP


SALLY LOVES AN MALS. I'LL NAME YOU THORNY AND GIVE YOU TO SALLY FOR HER BIRTHDAY! SHE'LL BE SO HAPPY!
CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!

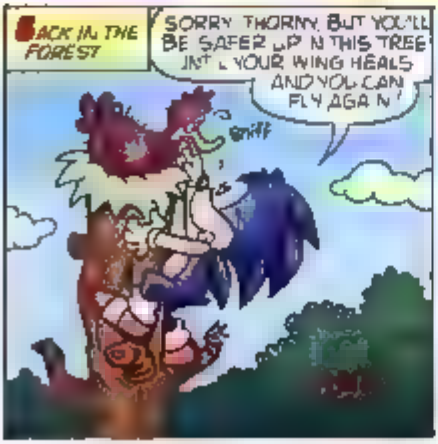

SOON...
YOU GET THAT FLYING CACTUS PLANT OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW, SONIC!
BUT, SA...
HAPPY BIRTHDAY SALLY!
...POOR LITTLE THORNY S INJURED AND CAN'T PROTECT HIMSELF FROM ROBOTNIK AND THE BADNIKS. HOW CAN YOU BE SO CRUEL?
CRUEL? MAY I REMIND YOU, SONIC, OF SOME OF THE OTHER CUTE LITTLE ANIMALS WE'VE FOUND IN THE FOREST?
...LIKE THE BEAVER WHO TURNED OUT TO BE A VICIOUS ROBOT DESIGNED BY ROBOTNIK
YOU WILL SURRENDER!
!
OR THE SQUIRREL WHO WAS WEARING A TRACKING DEVICE.
??
BOOP! BOOP! BOOP! BOOP!
OR THE BABY DEER WHO TURNED OUT TO BE A BOMBADIER!
TWEEEEEEE
BLAM!
WE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE IN ANY MORE PETS. THIS BEEN TOO PETER FYING
THORNY? WHERE D HE GO?


OH NO! HE GOT INTO SALLY'S NEEDLE BERRY BIRTHDAY CAKE!
MUNCH! MUNCH! MUNCH!

THAT DOES IT, SONIC! GET THAT BIRD-BRAINED BALL OF BRISTLES OUTTA HERE NOW!!
UH, ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU DON'T LIKE MY PRESENT?


DON'T WORRY, SAL! I'LL BAKE YOU ANOTHER CAKE ONCE I PICK MORE NEEDLE BERRIES
THANKS ROTOR

...BUT I'LL DO THE BERRY PICKING! IT WILL HELP ME LET OFF SOME STEAM! SEE YOU LATER


BACK IN THE FOREST
SORRY, THORNY, BUT YOU'LL BE SAFER UP IN THIS TREE UNTIL YOUR WING HEALS AND YOU CAN FLY AGAIN!
SNIFF

?!
BEEEEEK!
WHAT'S THAT?

TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME OR LIMBS ... OR BRANCHES OR *WHATEVER* THEY ARE

GRRRRR!!

WHILE AT ROBOTROPOLIS...

MASTER ROBOTNIK ONE OF YOUR *FOREST TRAPS* HAS SUCCEEDED IN CAPTURING A FREEDOM FIGHTER

EXCELLENT SNIVELLY!

I'LL HEAD OUT TO THE GREAT FOREST AND BRING HER BACK *PERSONALLY*! IT WILL BE A *TREE*-MENDOUS TRIUMPH FOR ME

HAWHAWHAW!!

"*TREE*-MENDOUS" VERY CLEVER SIR

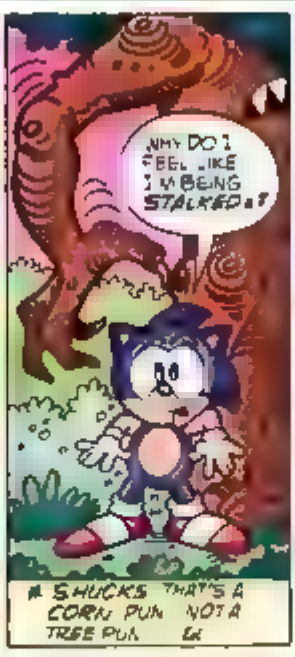
EXCUSE ME, READER, BUT WE WILL NOW PAUSE TO USE ALL THE BAD *TREE* PUNS AND GET THEM *OVER WITH*!

I DON'T WANT TO GO OUT ON A *LIMB*, BUT I *WOOD* LIKE TO GET TO THE *ROOT* OF SALLY'S PROBLEM! I'D BE A *SAP* IF I DECIDED TO *LEAF* AS *FOREST* THAT'S CONCERNED. I'LL TRY TO *CEDAR* THINGS THROUGH *FIR* SURE. IF *KNOT*, I'LL BE *PINE*-ING AND *WEEPING*! I'D MUCH RATHER TAKE A *BOUGH*! OAK-K?

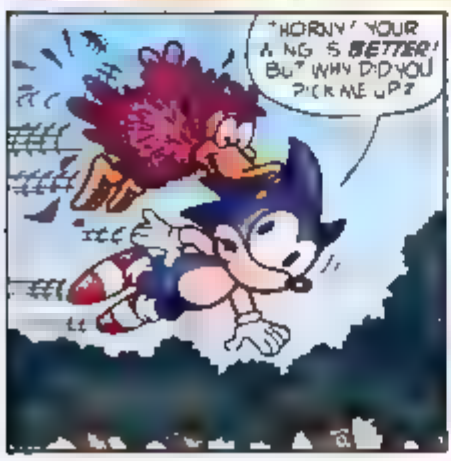
COOL! NOW YOU CAN CONTINUE OUR ADVENTURE WITHOUT HAVING TO READ ANY MORE OF THOSE! LET'S GO...

THAT WAS SALLY'S EEK! I'D BETTER TURN UP THE SPEED

HELP!
WAIT! IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S UP IN A TREE BUT WHICH ONE?


WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING STALKED...?
SHUCKS THAT'S A CORN PUN NOT A TREE PUN

SNATCH!
SWOOP!!


"HORNY" YOUR WING'S BETTER! BUT WHY DID YOU PICK ME UP?

I KNOW SALLY WAS MEAN TO YOU BUT CAN YOU PLEASE HELP ME FIND WHICH TREE SHE'S IN?
HEEEELP!

THERE SHE IS ...TRAPPED BY THAT ROBOT THERE! LET GO OF ME SO I CAN TRY TO FREE HER...

RAARGGH!

...BY DOING A FLYING SONIC SPIN...

ZWEEEEEE

AND DISARMING THIS BEASTLY BUNDLE OF BARK

BZZZZZZZ

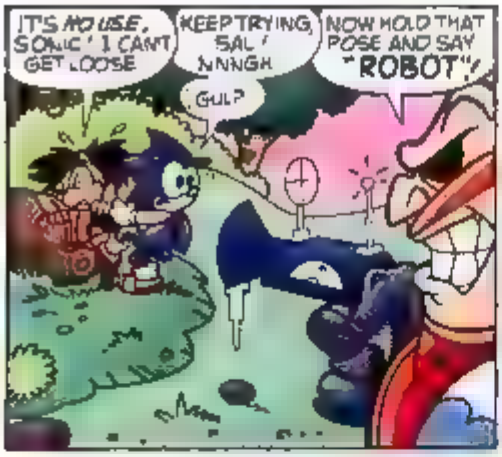
THANKS, SONIC, BUT I'M STILL STUCK IN HIS FIST!

CHILL, SAL! I'LL TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO PRY YOU LOOSE

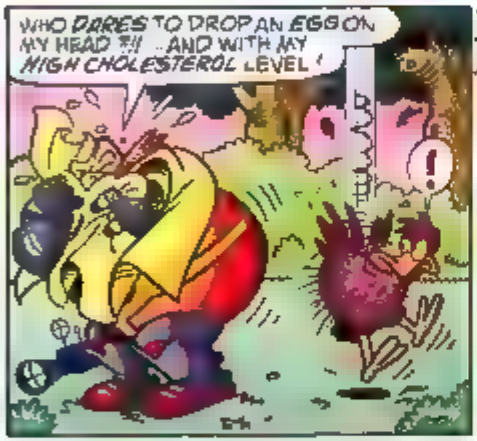
THUNK!

YOU DON'T HAVE A FEW MINUTES, HEDGEHOG! MY FREEZE BLASTER HAS A VERY WIDE RANGE!

HUH? UH-OH


IT'S NO USE, SONIC! I CAN'T GET LOOSE
KEEP TRYING, SAL! NNNGH
GULP
NOW HOLD THAT POSE AND SAY "ROBOT"!

SWOOP!
SPLAT!
GAHH!!


WHO DARES TO DROP AN EGG ON MY HEAD ?!! ...AND WITH MY HIGH CHOLESTEROL LEVEL!
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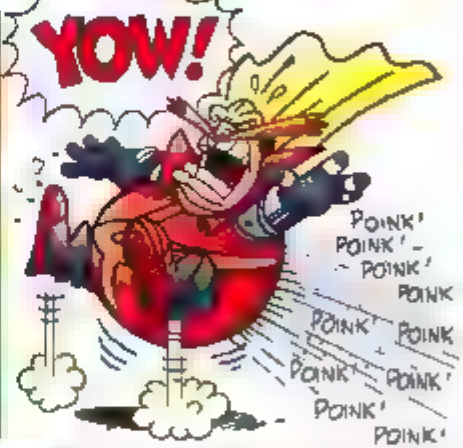
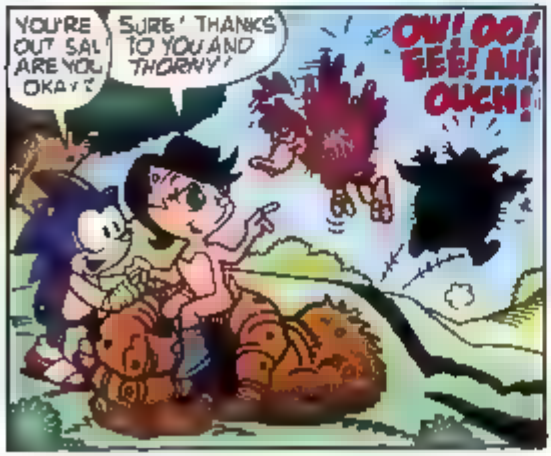

YOW!
POINK! POINK! POINK! POINK
POINK POINK
POINK POINK!
POINK! POINK


YOU'RE OUT! SAL! ARE YOU OKAY?
SURE! THANKS TO YOU AND THORNY!
OW! OO! EEE! AH! OUCH!

WE'RE MAK NG YOU AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS REMEMBER OUR MOTTO.
"WE STICK TOGETHER"

THE ALL NEW, PUMPED-UP, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG PIN-UP!

SOLD OUT!

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THERE'S ONE

BLAM!

AND THERE'S ANOTHER ONE

BLAM!

NOW THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE

BLAM!

KA-BLAM!

HA! YOU MISSED ME!

"HIDING HIDDEN LAND MINES IS DANGEROUS. SONIC MUST YOU MAKE A GAME OF EVERYTHING?"

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OKAY ROTOR YOU CAN START DIGGING

THANKS SONIC I'M SURE I'LL FIND ANOTHER ELECTRICAL CABLE BURIED HERE

I'LL BE SHOCKED EVERYTIME

PLEASE HURRY ROTOR

WE ARE ON ZE OUTSKIRTS OF ROBOTROPOLIS ! IF ROBOTNIK FINDS US STEALING ELECTRICAL POWER FROM HEEZ UNDERGROUND CABLES HE'LL BE FURIOUS

YEAH HE'LL PROBABLY SEND AN ARMY OF HIS BADNIKS AFTER US WITH AN ***ELECTRICAL BILL!***

WELCOME TO ROBOTROPOLIS (NOT)

LOOK I FOUND TWO IDENTICAL CABLES HERE

CAREFUL ROTOR! ONE OF THEM COULD SET OFF ANOTHER ...AND WINE

HOW DO YA'LL KNOW WHICH ONE TO CHOOSE?

TRY EENIE MEENIE MINEE MO

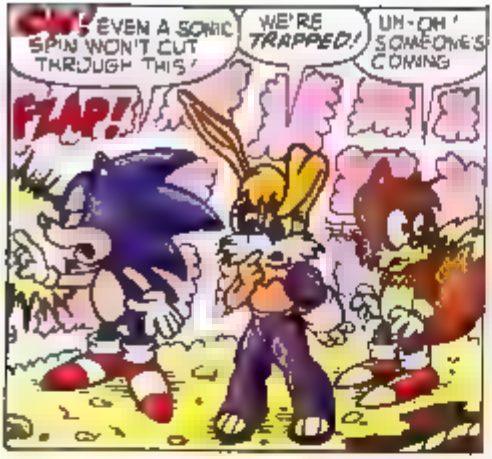
STAND BACK, EVERYONE! I'M GOING TO TAKE A CHANCE AND DISCONNECT ***THIS*** ONE READY? GET SET

PULL HEY NOTHING HAPPENED

SNAP!

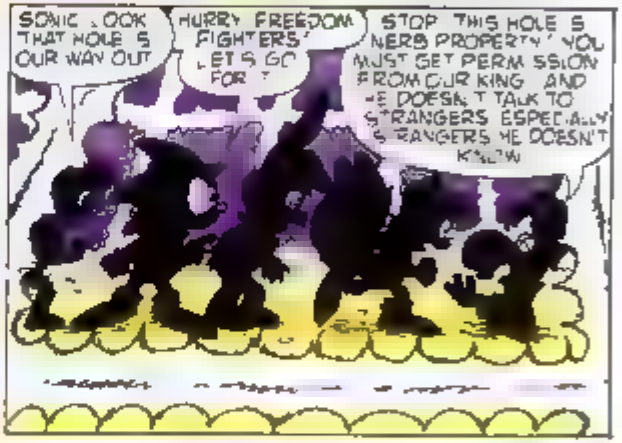
GULP! EXCEPT FOR THIS GIANT FORCE FIELD THAT'S FORMED AROUND US!

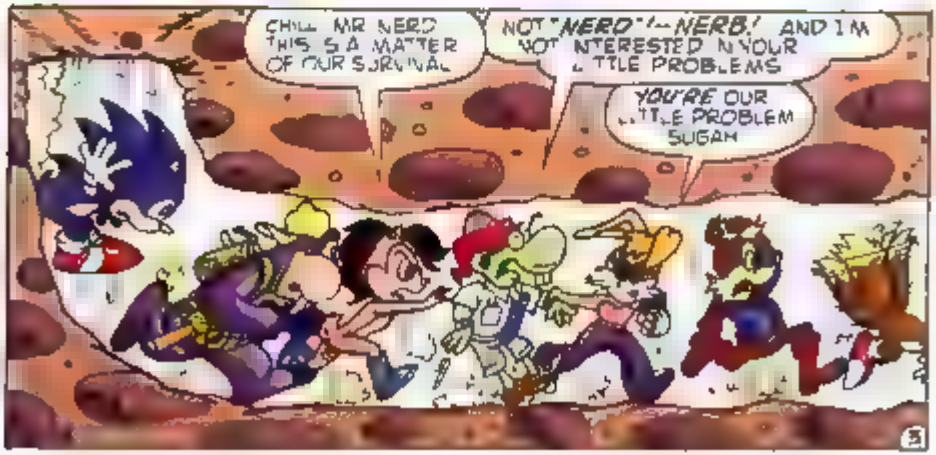
A FORCE FIELD?!

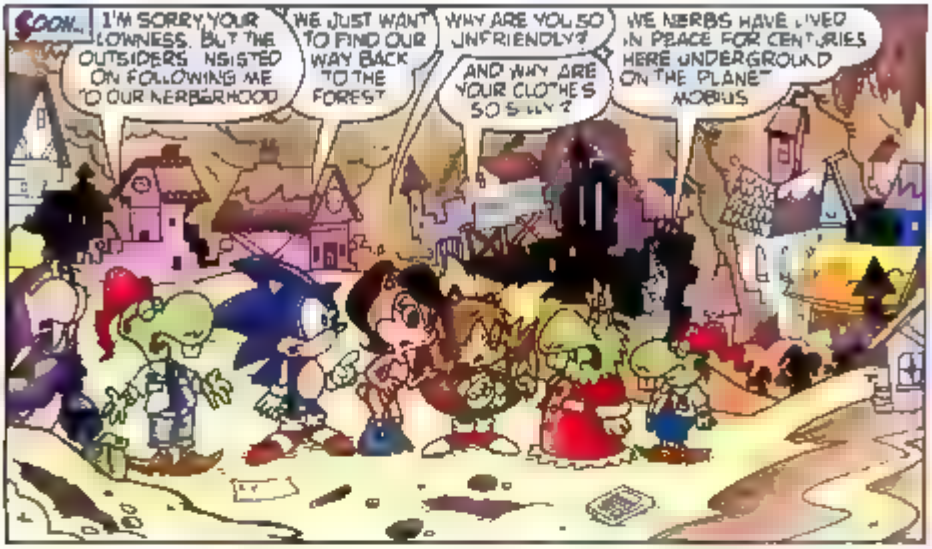

EVEN A SONIC SPIN WON'T CUT THROUGH THIS!
WE'RE TRAPPED!
UH-OH! SOMEONE'S COMING
FLAP!

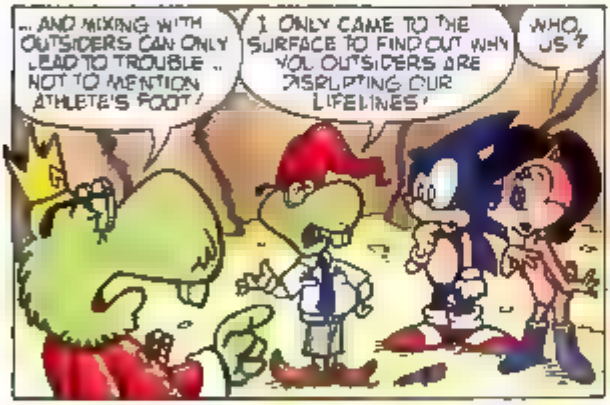
...AND I DON'T THINK IT'S THE ROBOTROPOLIS GOOD NEIGHBOR SOCIETY
THROW! THROW! THROW!

YIPES! WHO ARE YOU?!
I'M A NERB! NOT THAT IT'S ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS
POP!
BOING!

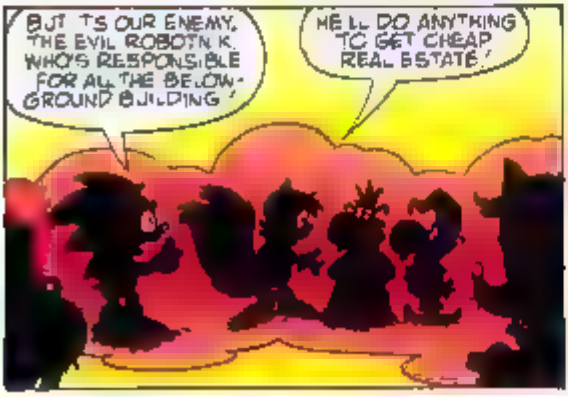

SONIC, LOOK THAT HOLE IS OUR WAY OUT
HURRY FREEDOM FIGHTERS! LET'S GO FOR IT
STOP! THIS HOLE IS NERB PROPERTY! YOU MUST GET PERMISSION FROM OUR KING AND HE DOESN'T TALK TO STRANGERS ESPECIALLY STRANGERS HE DOESN'T KNOW


CHILL MR NERD THIS IS A MATTER OF OUR SURVIVAL
NOT "NERD"! -NERB! AND I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR LITTLE PROBLEMS
YOU'RE OUR LITTLE PROBLEM SUGAR

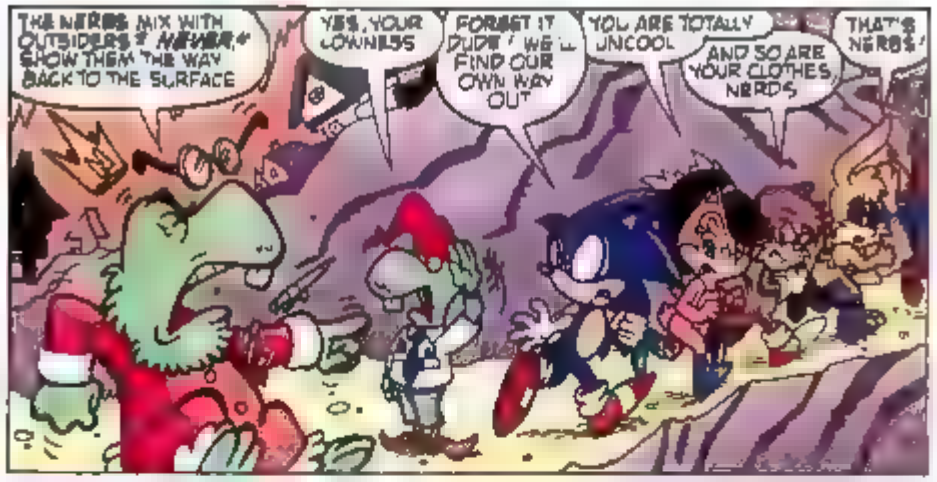

SOON...
I'M SORRY, YOUR LOWNESS. BUT THE OUTSIDERS INSISTED ON FOLLOWING ME TO OUR NERBERHOOD
WE JUST WANT TO FIND OUR WAY BACK TO THE FOREST
WHY ARE YOU SO UNFRIENDLY?
AND WHY ARE YOUR CLOTHES SO SILLY?
WE NERBS HAVE LIVED IN PEACE FOR CENTURIES HERE UNDERGROUND ON THE PLANET MOBIUS

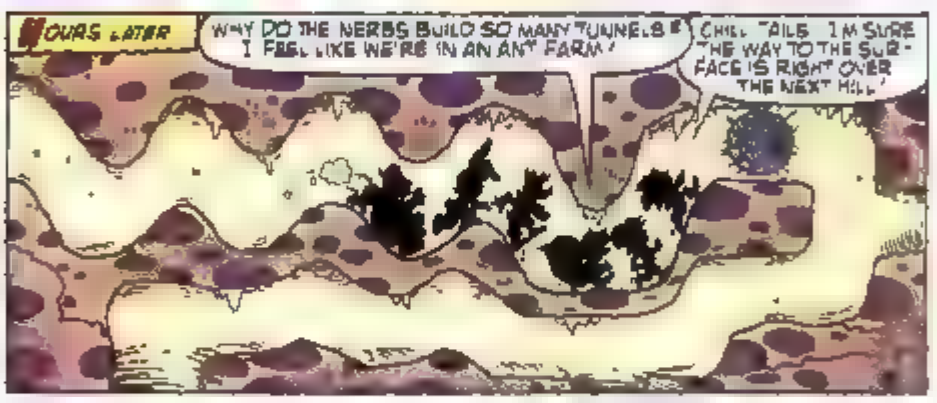

...AND MIXING WITH OUTSIDERS CAN ONLY LEAD TO TROUBLE .. NOT TO MENTION ATHLETE'S FOOT!
I ONLY CAME TO THE SURFACE TO FIND OUT WHY YOU OUTSIDERS ARE DISRUPTING OUR LIFELINES!
WHO, US?

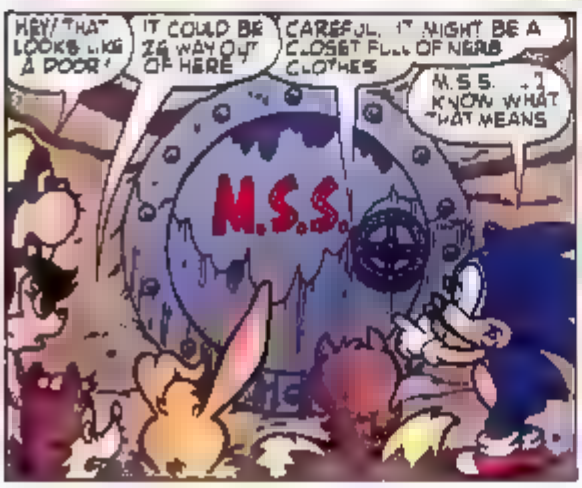
BECAUSE OF YOUR RECKLESS UNDERGROUND BUILDING, OUR AIR VENTS AND WATER SUPPLY ARE THREATENED!


BUT IT'S OUR ENEMY, THE EVIL ROBOTNIK, WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE BELOW-GROUND BUILDING!
HE'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET CHEAP REAL ESTATE!

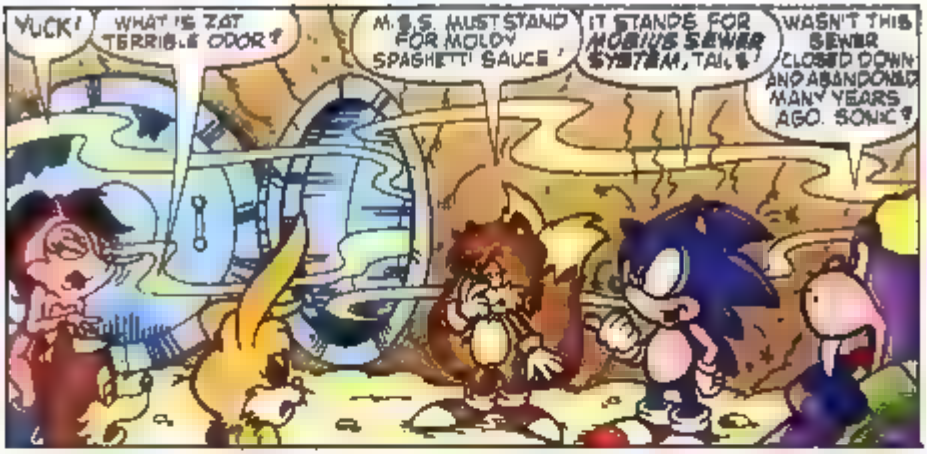
WHY DON'T WE JOIN FORCES? TOGETHER I'M SURE WE CAN FIND A WAY TO STOP ROBOTNIK ONCE AND FOR ALL!

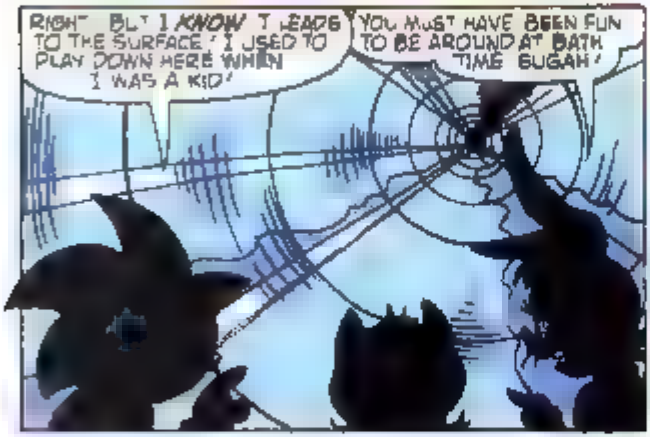

THE NERBS MIX WITH OUTSIDERS? NEVER! SHOW THEM THE WAY BACK TO THE SURFACE
YES, YOUR COWARDS
FORGET IT DUDE! WE'LL FIND OUR OWN WAY OUT
YOU ARE TOTALLY UNCOOL
AND SO ARE YOUR CLOTHES, NERDS
THAT'S NERDS!


HOURS LATER
WHY DO THE NERBS BUILD SO MANY TUNNELS? I FEEL LIKE WE'RE IN AN ANT FARM!
CHILL TAILS. I'M SURE THE WAY TO THE SURFACE IS RIGHT OVER THE NEXT HILL!

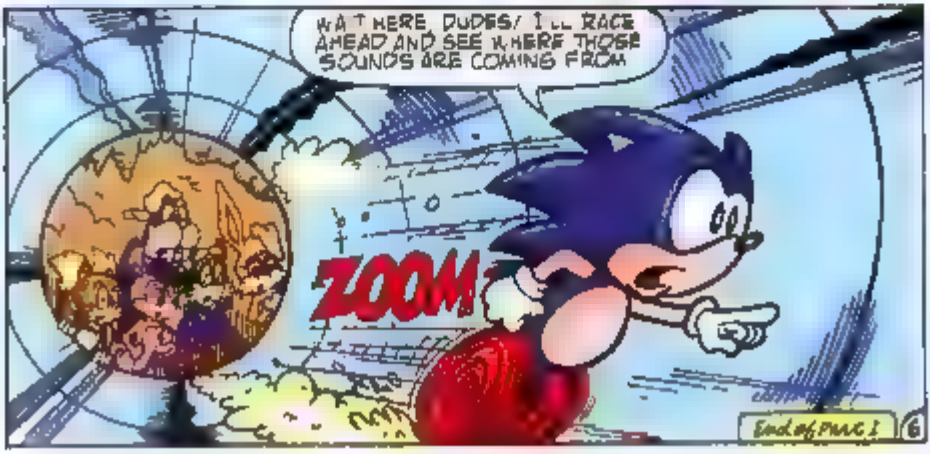

HEY! THAT LOOKS LIKE A DOOR!
IT COULD BE THE WAY OUT OF HERE
CAREFUL. IT MIGHT BE A CLOSET FULL OF NERB CLOTHES
M.S.S.
M.S.S. ...I KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS

JUST LET ME OPEN THIS RUSTY DOOR WITH A SONIC SPIN!
BZZZZZZ


YUCK!
WHAT'S ZAT TERRIBLE ODOR?
M.S.S. MUST STAND FOR MOLDY SPAGHETTI SAUCE!
IT STANDS FOR MOBIUS SEWER SYSTEM, TAILS!
WASN'T THIS SEWER CLOSED DOWN AND ABANDONED MANY YEARS AGO, SONIC?


RIGHT. BUT I KNOW THE WAYS TO THE SURFACE. I USED TO PLAY DOWN HERE WHEN I WAS A KID!
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN FUN TO BE AROUND AT BATH TIME, SUGAH!

KLANK!
KREEEK!
HELLLP!
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S COMING FROM THE END OF THE TUNNEL


WAIT HERE, DUDES! I'LL RACE AHEAD AND SEE WHERE THOSE SOUNDS ARE COMING FROM
ZOOM!
End of PART 1
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

REVENGE OF THE NERBS! PART II

GRRRRR!

SO THAT'S HOW ROBOTNIK DOES HIS UNDERGROUND DIGGING WITH A GIANT ROBOT EXCAVATOR DRIVEN BY ROBOTNIK HIMSELF!

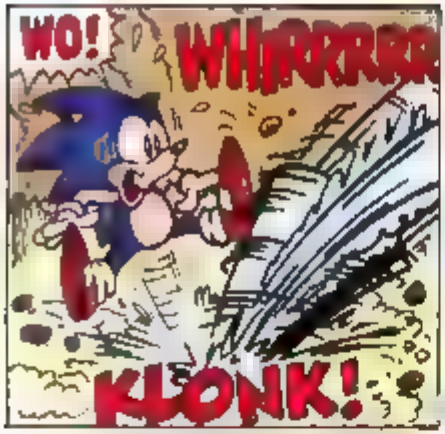
HA HA HA! I LOVE THIS TOY IT'S SOOOO DESTRUCTIVE

WHIRRRRRRRR!

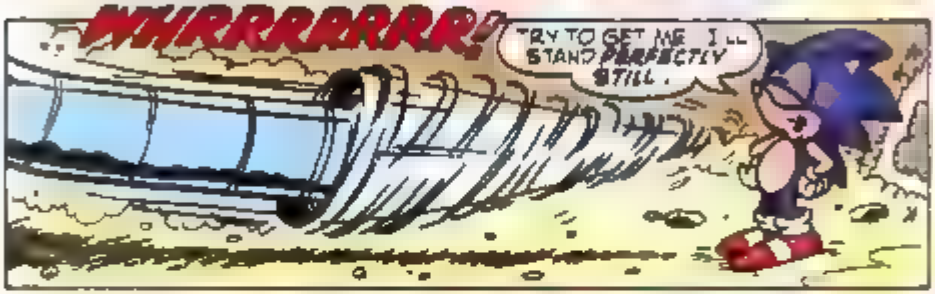
OH NO! ROBOTNIK HAS CAPTURED THREE OF THE NERDS ER NERBS IN ONE OF HIS FORCE FIELDS

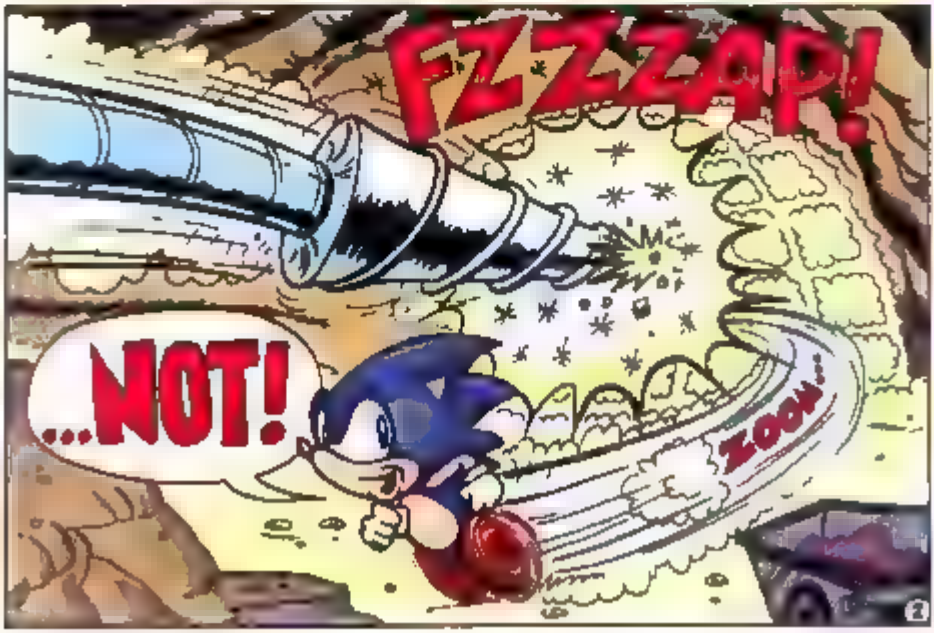
HELP!

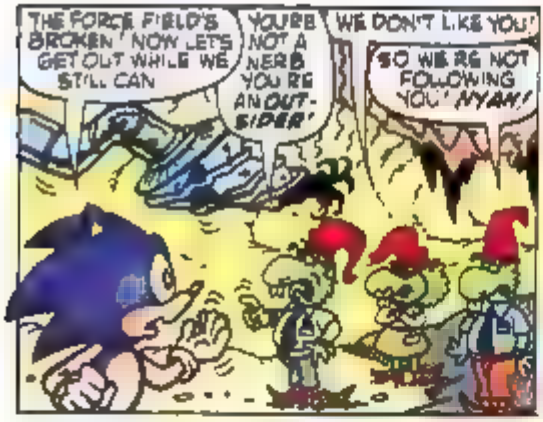
LET US OUT OF HERE BUT DON'T TALK TO US


WO!
WHIRRRRR
KLONK!

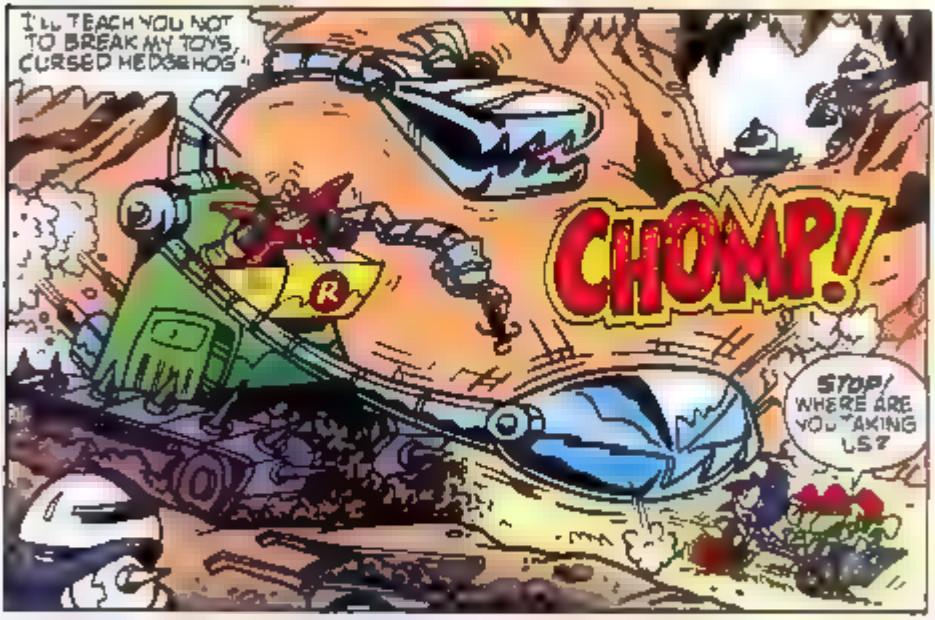
I'M GLAD YOU JOINED US HERE UNDER-GROUND! THIS IS WHERE HEDGEHOGS BELONG. AND WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO STAY!
YO ROBALDNIK! I'LL MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU!

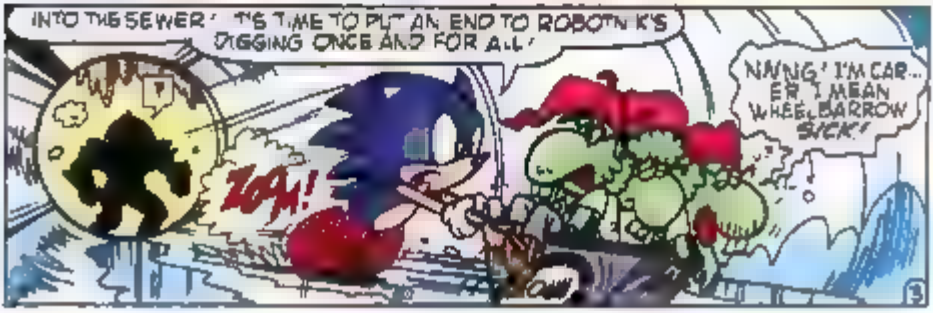

WHIRRRRRRRR!
TRY TO GET ME. I'LL STAND PERFECTLY STILL.

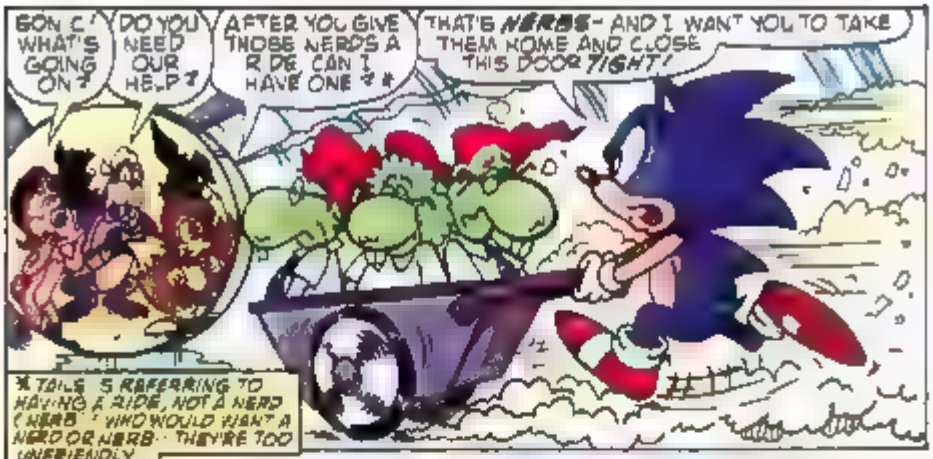

FZZZAP!
...NOT!
ZOOM!

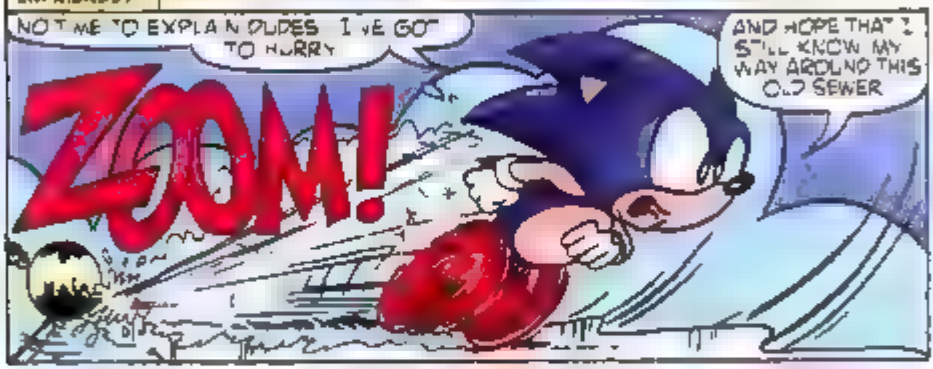

THE FORCE FIELD'S BROKEN! NOW LET'S GET OUT WHILE WE STILL CAN
YOU'RE NOT A NERB. YOU'RE AN OUT-SIDER!
WE DON'T LIKE YOU!
SO WE'RE NOT FOLLOWING YOU! NYAH!

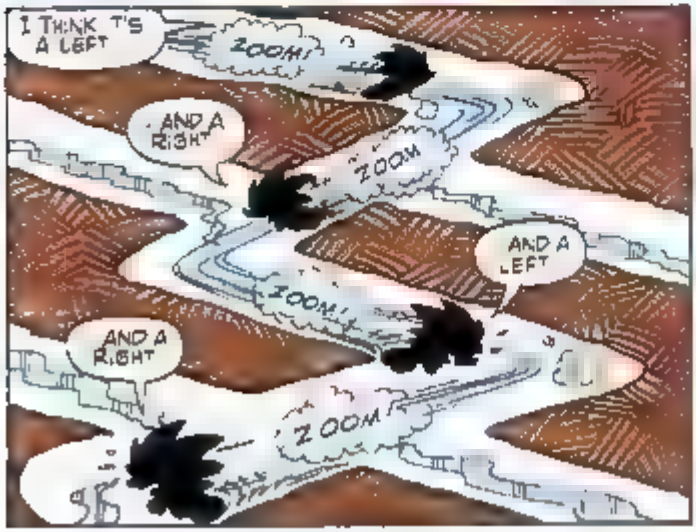
OH YES YOU ARE!
ZIP!


I'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO BREAK MY TOYS, CURSED HEDGEHOG!
CHOMP!
STOP! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?

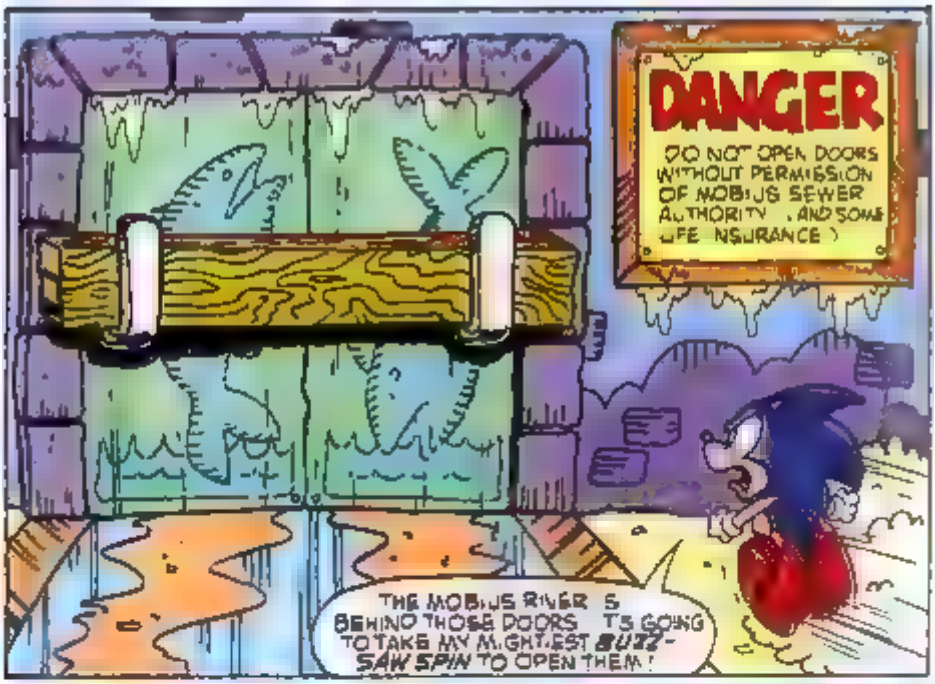

INTO THE SEWER! IT'S TIME TO PUT AN END TO ROBOTNIK'S DIGGING ONCE AND FOR ALL!
ZOOM!
NANG! I'M CAR... ER, I MEAN WHEELBARROW SICK!

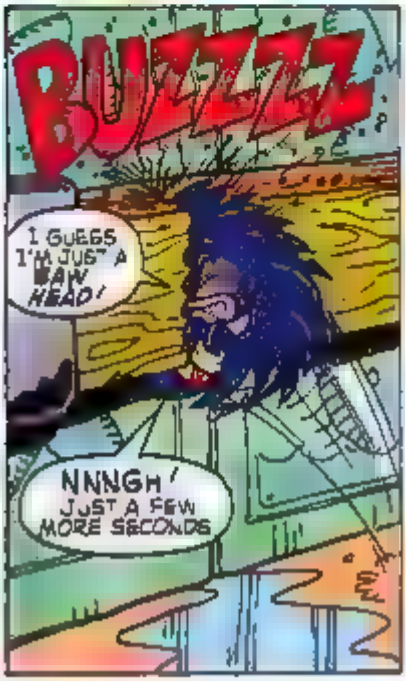

SON C' WHAT'S GOING ON?
DO YOU NEED OUR HELP?
AFTER YOU GIVE THOSE NERDS A RIDE, CAN I HAVE ONE?*
THAT'S NERDS - AND I WANT YOU TO TAKE THEM HOME AND CLOSE THIS DOOR TIGHT!
* TAILS IS REFERRING TO HAVING A RIDE, NOT A NERD (HERB) WHO WOULD WANT A NERD OR HERB - THEY'RE TOO UNFRIENDLY

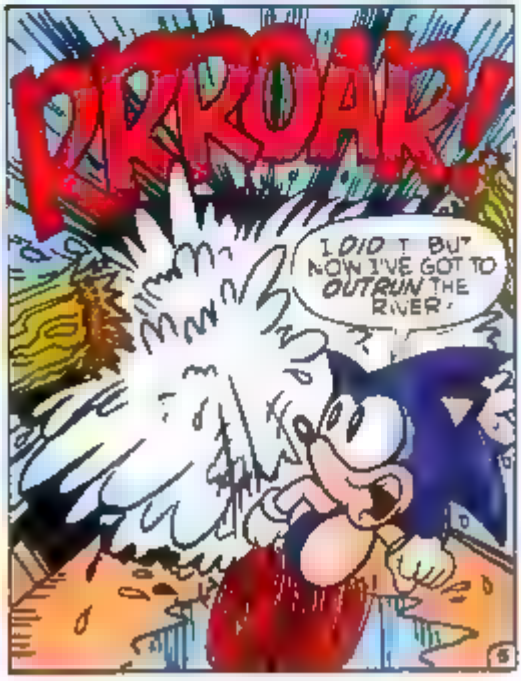

NOT ME TO EXPLAIN DUDES I'VE GOT TO HURRY
ZOOM!
AND HOPE THAT I STILL KNOW MY WAY AROUND THIS OLD SEWER

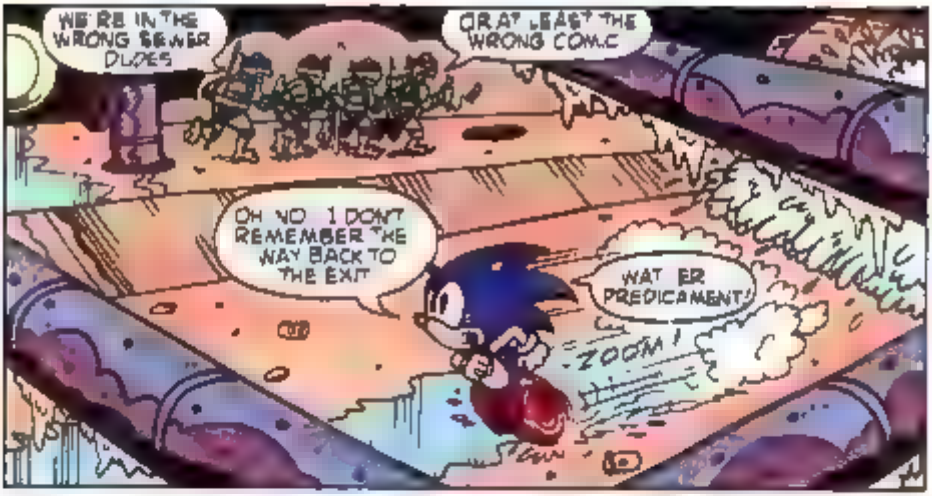

I THINK IT'S A LEFT
ZOOM!
AND A RIGHT
ZOOM
AND A LEFT
ZOOM!
AND A RIGHT
ZOOM!

AND THERE IT IS! IT'S AWESOME!
SKREEEEE

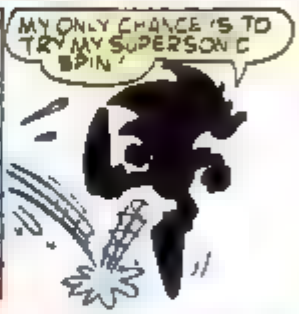

DANGER
DO NOT OPEN DOORS WITHOUT PERMISSION OF MOBIUS SEWER AUTHORITY (AND SOME LIFE INSURANCE)
THE MOBIUS RIVER IS BEHIND THOSE DOORS! IT'S GOING TO TAKE MY MIGHTIEST BUZZ-SAW SPIN TO OPEN THEM!

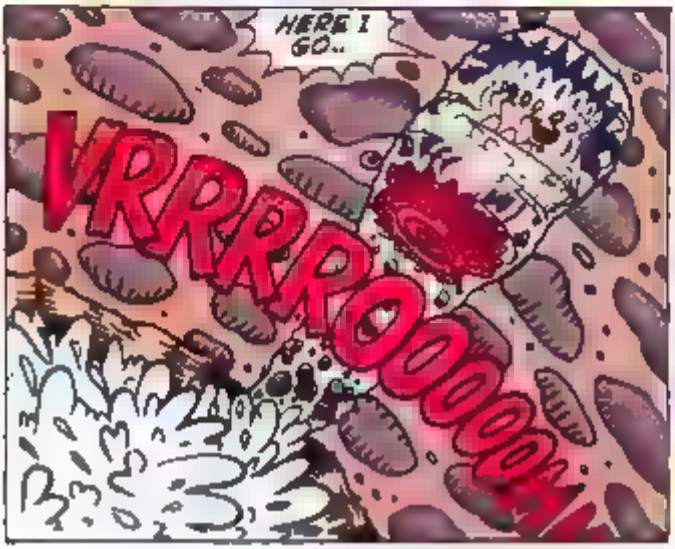

BUZZZZ
I GUESS I'M JUST A SAW HEAD!
NNNGH! JUST A FEW MORE SECONDS


PRROAR!
I DID IT! BUT NOW I'VE GOT TO OUTRUN THE RIVER!

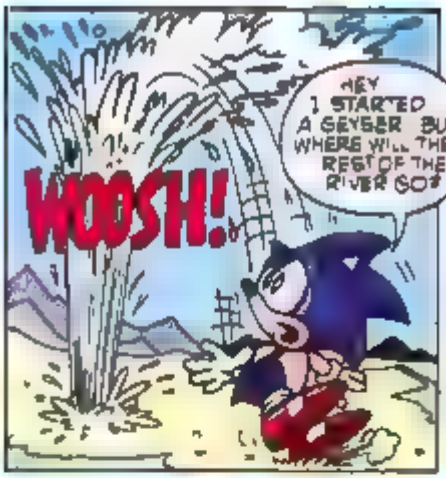

WE'RE IN THE WRONG SEWER DUDES
OR AT LEAST THE WRONG COMIC
OH NO I DON'T REMEMBER THE WAY BACK TO THE EXIT
WHATEVER PREDICAMENT!
ZOOM!

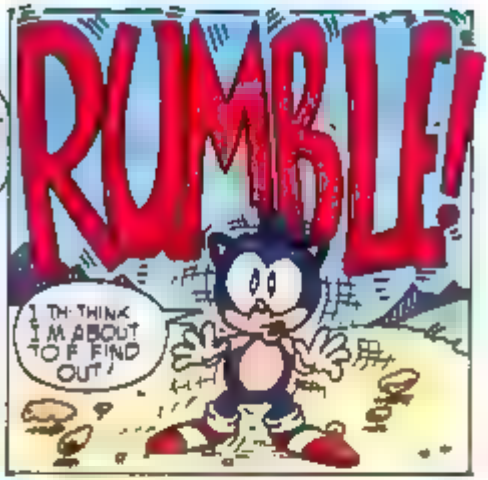
HERE COMES THE RIVER I CAN'T OUTRUN IT FOREVER!
AND EVEN A SONIC SPIN WON'T SAVE ME
RRCAR!

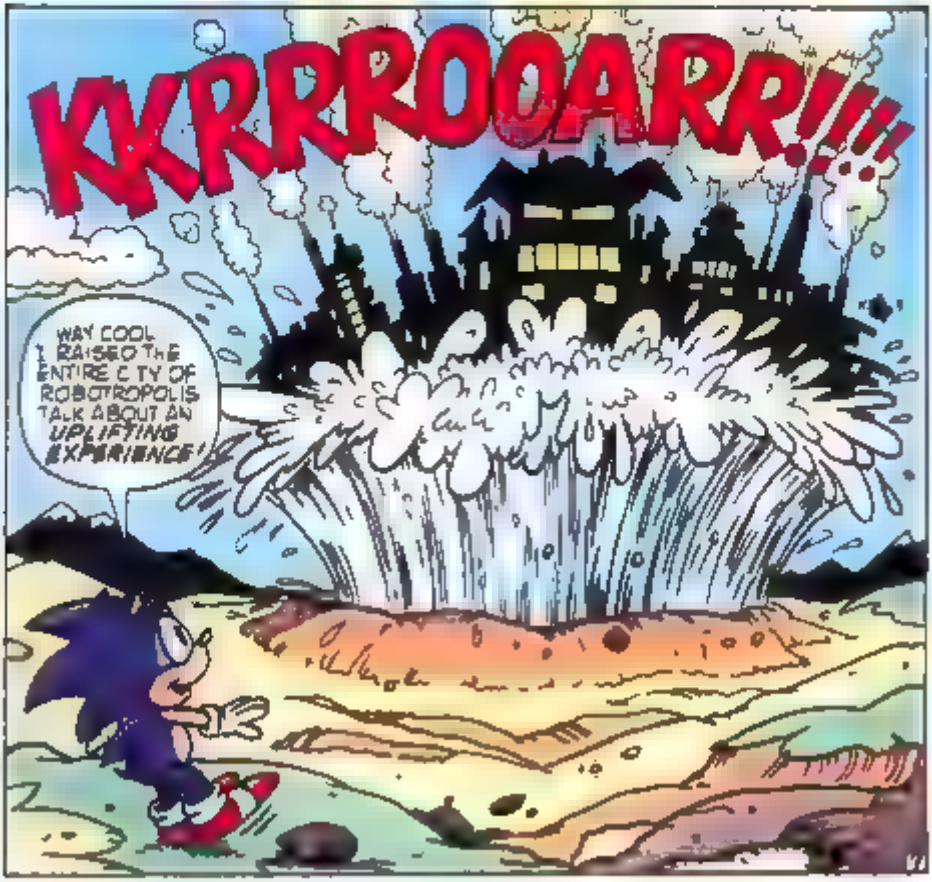

MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO TRY MY SUPERSONIC SPIN!


HERE I GO...
VRRRROOOOOM

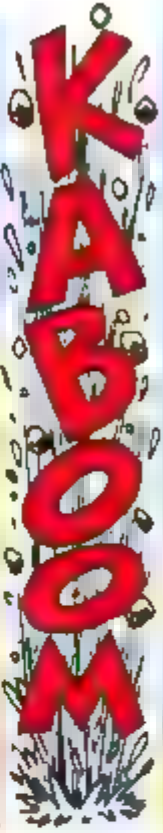
YESSSSSS!!


WOOSH!
HEY I STARTED A GEYSER BUT WHERE WILL THE REST OF THE RIVER GO?


RUMBLE!
I TH-THINK I'M ABOUT TO FIND OUT!

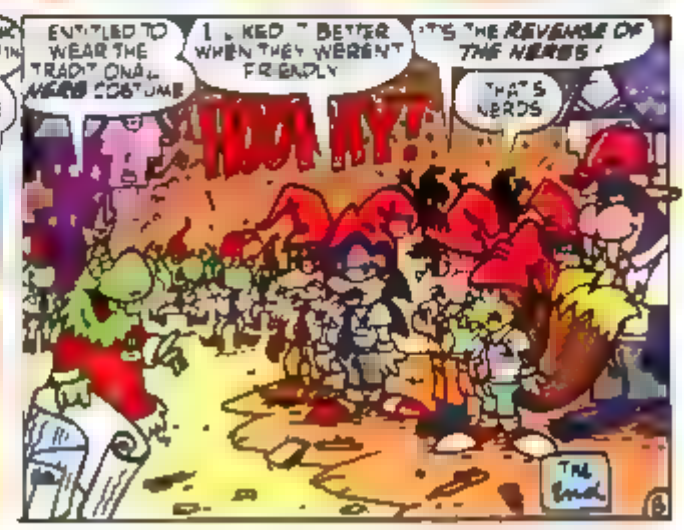

KKRRROOARR!!!!
WAY COOL I RAISED THE ENTIRE CITY OF ROBOTROPOLIS TALK ABOUT AN UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE!

RUMBLE!
OH OH HERE COMES ANOTHER GEYSER
ZIP!


KABOOM

HELP! GET ME DOWN! I ALREADY HAD MY BATH THIS YEAR!!
SUCCESS! SPEAKING OF GEYSERS I WONDER HOW THE GUYS ARE DOING IN NERDLAND!
WHOOSH!

BOOM... AND SO TO THANK YOU FOR SAVING US AND IN RECOGNITION OF OUR FRIENDSHIP I HEREBY PROCLAIM SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HONORARY NERDS


ENTITLED TO WEAR THE TRADITIONAL NERDS COSTUME
I LIKED IT BETTER WHEN THEY WEREN'T FRIENDLY
IT'S THE REVENGE OF THE NERDS!
THAT'S NERDS
HOORAY!
THE END

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

"TWAN WIND"

THAT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD SPOT FOR OUR FREEDOM FIGHTERS ANNUAL PICNIC, SALLY!

ARE Y ALL SURE THIS BALLOON IS SAFE ANTOINE??

BUT OF COURSE BUNN E!

FF

FF

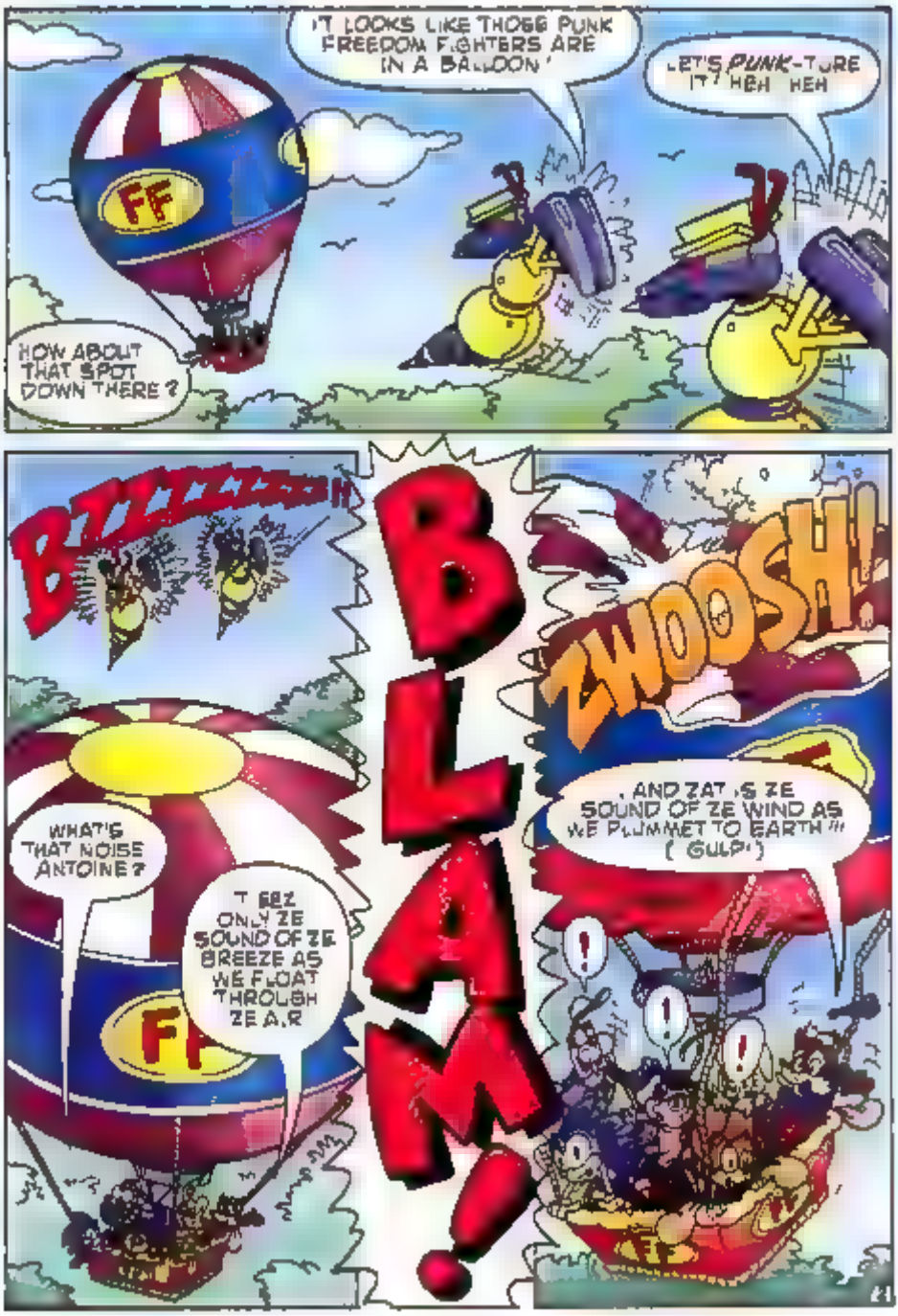
REMEMBER I WAS ONCE ZE BALLOON-HEAD... UH, I MEAN ZE HEAD OF BALLOONS FOR ZE KING OF MOBIUS...

BALLOON-HEAD IS MORE LIKE IT... WITH ALL YOUR HOT AIR!!!

...AND I AM CERTAIN THAT ZE HOT AIR BALLOON CAN BE A BEEEG HELP TO US IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST ZE EVIL ROBOTNIK AND HEEZ BADNIKS!

FF

WELL WEH...


IT LOOKS LIKE THOSE PUNK FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE IN A BALLOON!
LET'S PUNK-TURE IT! HEH HEH
HOW ABOUT THAT SPOT DOWN THERE?
FF
BZZZZZZZZZZZ!!!
BLAM!
ZWOOSH!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE ANTOINE?
T SEZ ONLY ZE SOUND OF ZE BREEZE AS WE FLOAT THROUGH ZE A.R
, AND ZAT ,S ZE SOUND OF ZE WIND AS WE PLUMMET TO EARTH!!! (GULP!)
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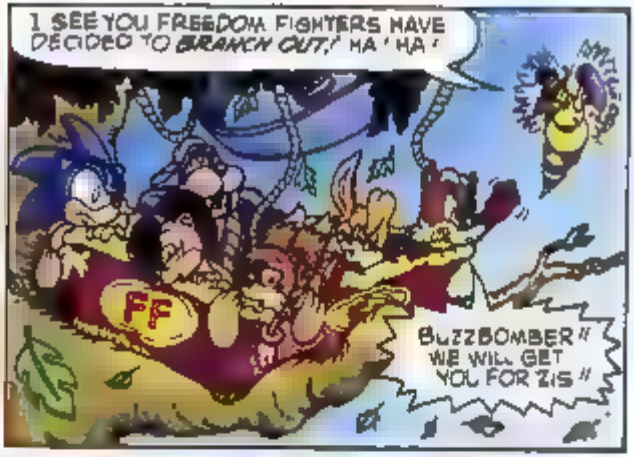
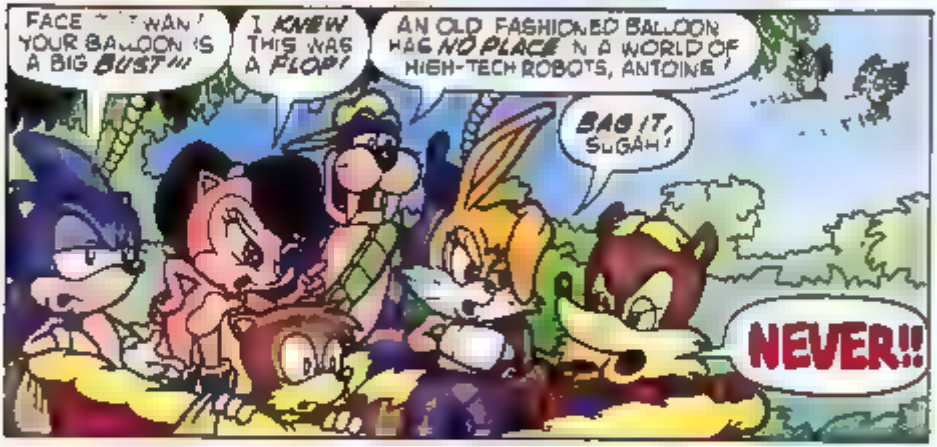
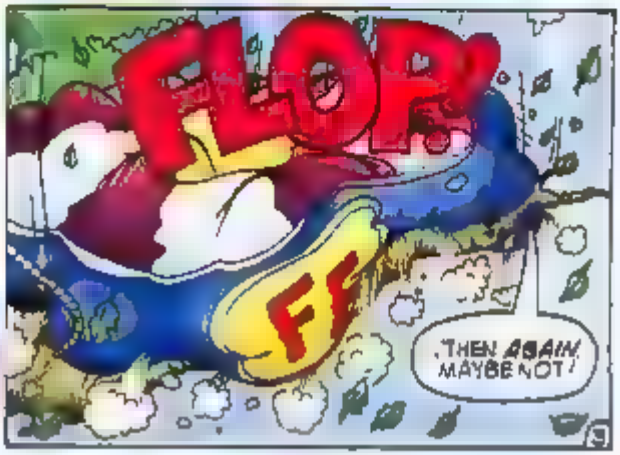
!

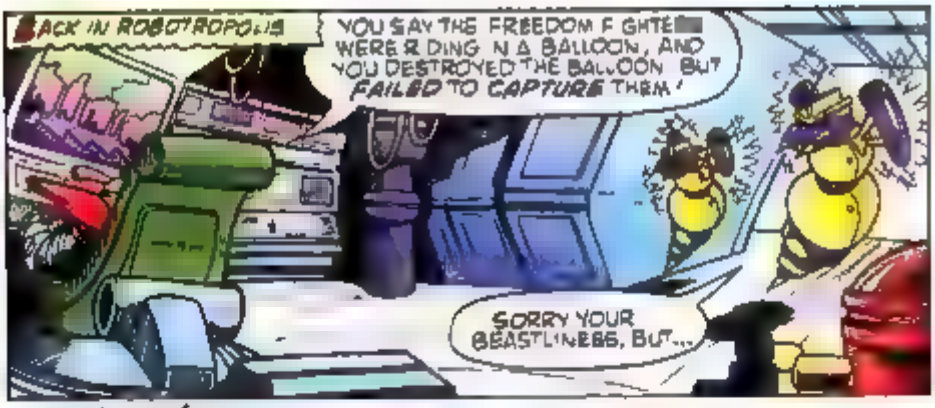
CRASH

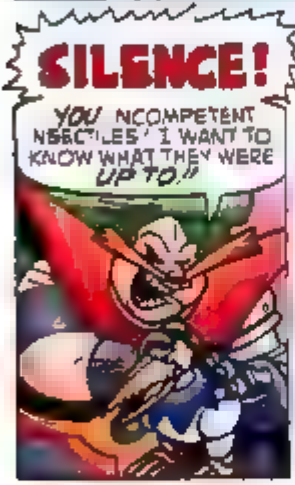

I SEE YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE DECIDED TO BRANCH OUT! HA! HA!
FF
BUZZBOMBER!! WE WILL GET YOU FOR ZIS!!

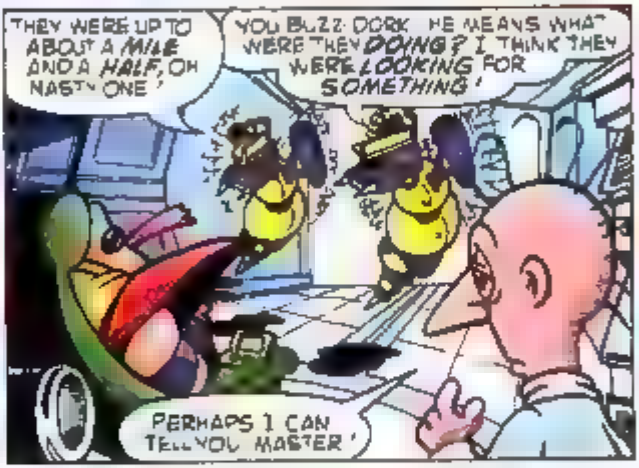

FACE ... WAN' YOUR BALLOON IS A BIG BUST!!!
I KNEW THIS WAS A FLOP!
AN OLD FASHIONED BALLOON HAS NO PLACE IN A WORLD OF HIGH-TECH ROBOTS, ANTOINE!
BAG IT, SUGAH!
NEVER!!

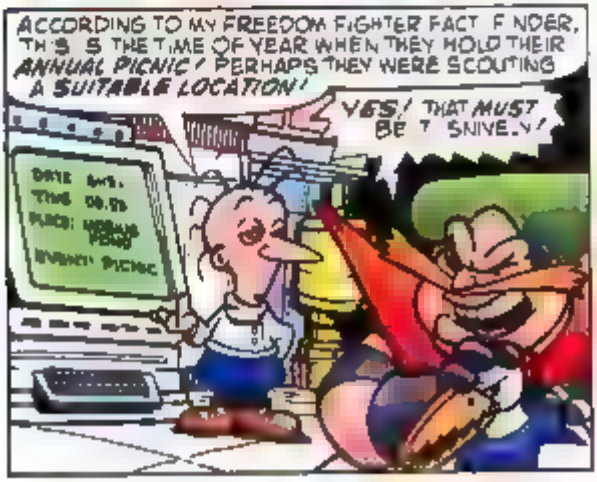
ANTOINE D'COOLETTE DOES NOT KNOW ZE MEANING OF 'GEEV EET UP!' ZE HOT AIR BALLOON WILL RISE AGAIN...


FLOP!
FF
THEN AGAIN, MAYBE NOT!


BACK IN ROBOTROPOLIS
YOU SAY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE RIDING IN A BALLOON, AND YOU DESTROYED THE BALLOON BUT FAILED TO CAPTURE THEM!
SORRY YOUR BEASTLINESS, BUT...

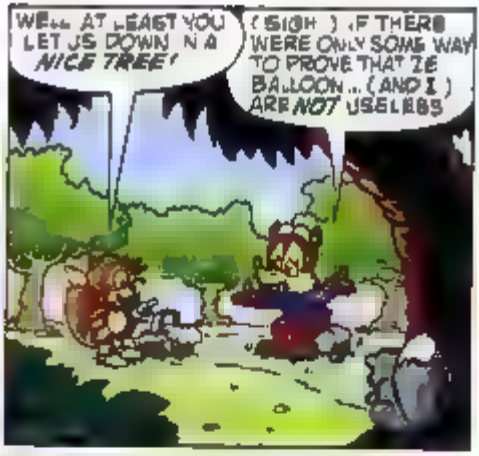

SILENCE!
YOU INCOMPETENT INSECTILES! I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THEY WERE UP TO!!


THEY WERE UP TO ABOUT A MILE AND A HALF, OH MASTER ONE!
YOU BUZZ-DORK! HE MEANS WHAT WERE THEY DOING? I THINK THEY WERE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING!
PERHAPS I CAN TELL YOU, MASTER!


ACCORDING TO MY FREEDOM FIGHTER FACT FINDER, THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN THEY HOLD THEIR ANNUAL PICNIC! PERHAPS THEY WERE SCOUTING A SUITABLE LOCATION!
YES! THAT MUST BE THE SNIVELY!

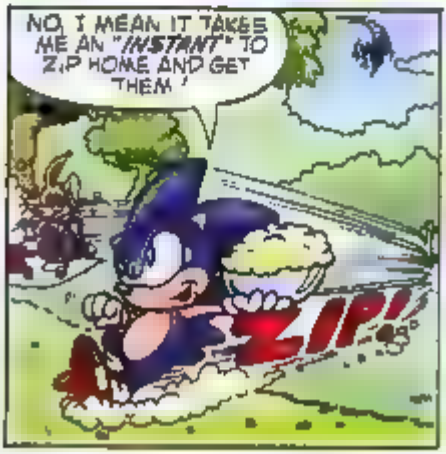
LET'S INVITE OURSELVES TO THIS YEAR'S PICNIC! WE'LL PROVIDE THE ANT-ICS! HEEYAHAHAHAHOHOHOOO!!

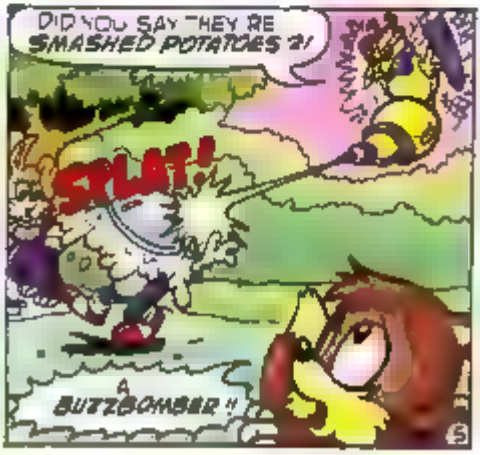
NEXT DAY
AREN'T YOU COMING TO OUR PICNIC, ANTOINE?
I AM TOO ASHAMED TAILS. I HAVE LET EVERYONE DOWN.

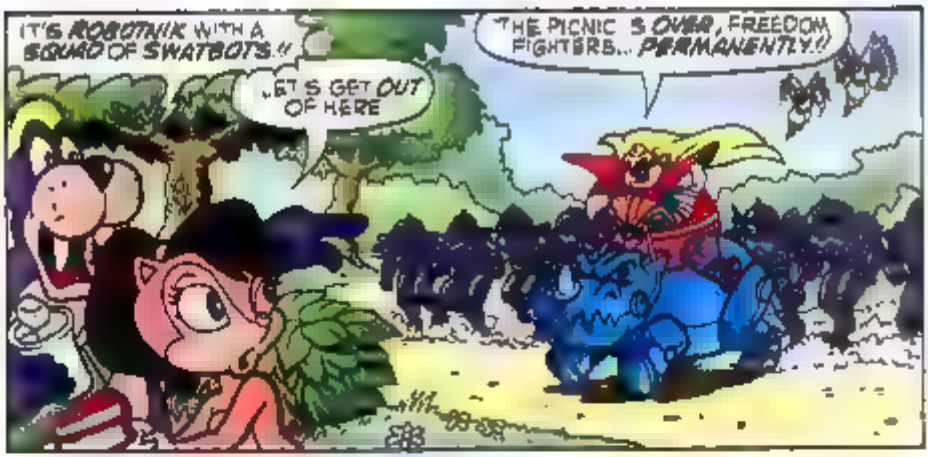

WELL... AT LEAST YOU LET US DOWN IN A NICE TREE!
(SIGH) IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY TO PROVE THAT ZE BALLOON... (AND I) ARE NOT USELESS

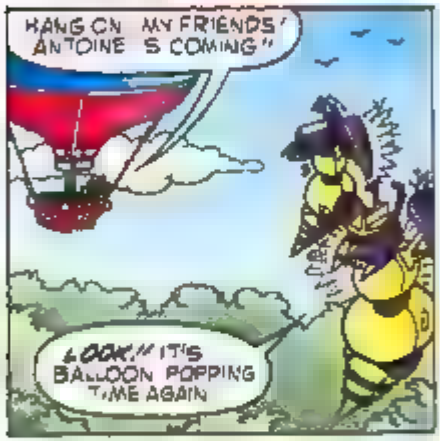
I AM GOING TO MAKE ZE NECESSARY REPAIRS AND GIVE IT ZE ONE LAST TRY!
?!

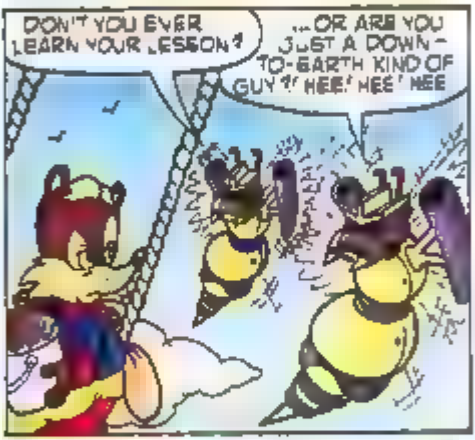
LATER
GOT ANY MORE MASHED POTATOES SONIC?
JUST MY "INSTANT" POTATOES SALLY.
"INSTANT"? YOU MEAN JUST ADD WATER?!

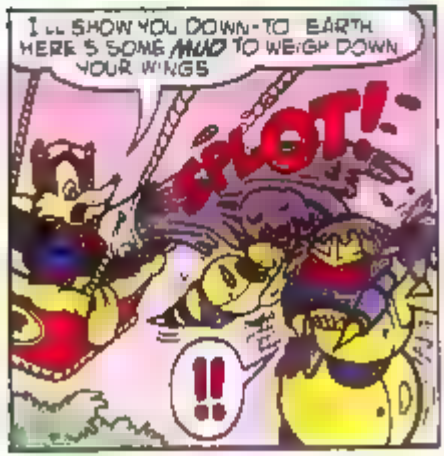

NO, I MEAN IT TAKES ME AN "INSTANT" TO ZIP HOME AND GET THEM!
ZIP!


DID YOU SAY THEY'RE SMASHED POTATOES?!
SPLAT!
A BUZZBOMBER!!


IT'S ROBOTNIK WITH A SQUAD OF SWATBOTS!!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE
THE PICNIC IS OVER, FREEDOM FIGHTERS... PERMANENTLY!!


HANG ON MY FRIENDS! ANTOINE IS COMING!!
LOOK!! IT'S BALLOON POPPING TIME AGAIN


DON'T YOU EVER LEARN YOUR LESSON?
...OR ARE YOU JUST A DOWN-TO-EARTH KIND OF GUY?! HEE! HEE! HEE


I'LL SHOW YOU DOWN-TO-EARTH. HERE'S SOME MUD TO WEIGH DOWN YOUR WINGS
SPLOT!
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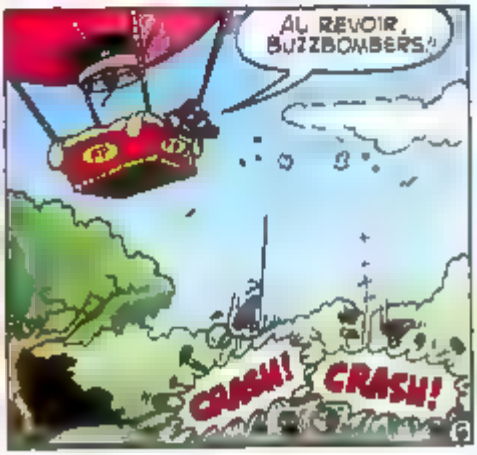
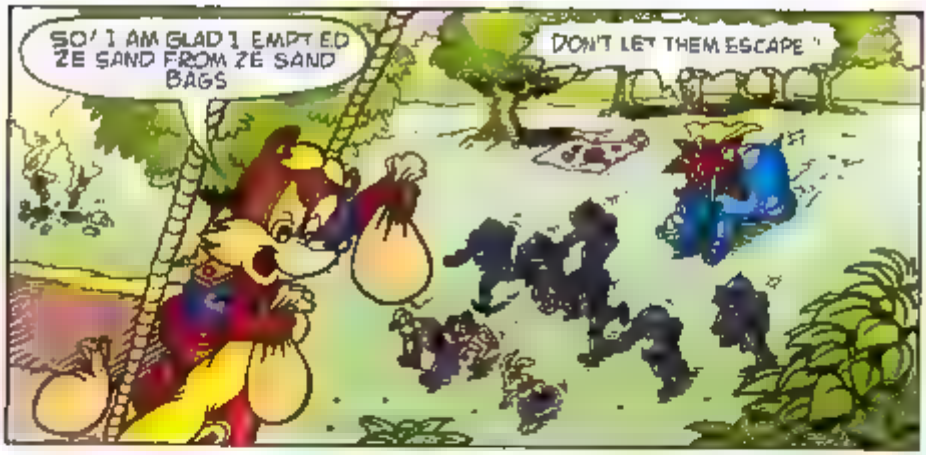

AU REVOIR, BUZZBOMBERS!!
CRASH!
CRASH!


SO! I AM GLAD I EMPTIED ZE SAND FROM ZE SAND BAGS
DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!

... AND FILLED ZEM WITH ZE EXPLOSIVES!!
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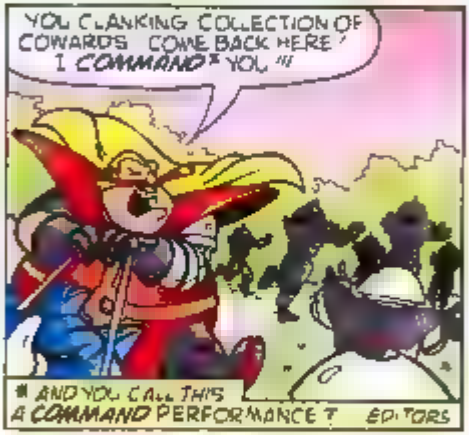
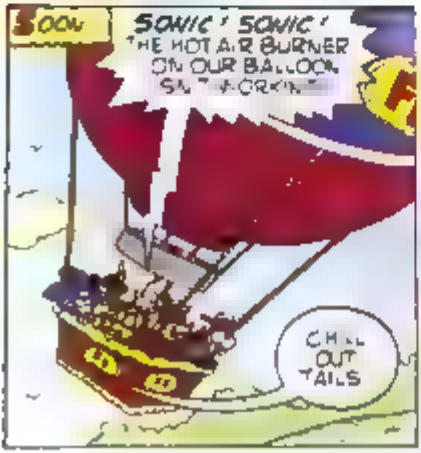
!!
KA-BLAM!

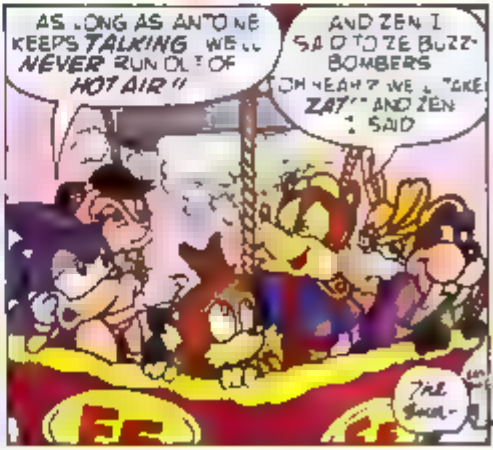

YOU CLANKING COLLECTION OF COWARDS! COME BACK HERE! I COMMAND* YOU!!!
* AND YOU CALL THIS A COMMAND PERFORMANCE? EDITORS

SWOOP!
WHAT THE - HOW DARE YOU?
UNHAND ME!

UNHAND YOU??
GLADLY!
WAIT! LET ME REPHRASE THAT...

LONG LIVE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!!
SPLASH!
WAY TO GO TWAN!!
YOU'RE A HERO!
THREE CHEERS FOR ANTOINE AND HIS BALLOON!


SOON
SONIC! SONIC! THE HOT AIR BURNER ON OUR BALLOON
CHILL OUT TAILS


AS LONG AS ANTOINE KEEPS TALKING WE'LL NEVER RUN OUT OF HOT AIR!!
AND ZEN I SAID TO ZE BUZZ-BOMBERS
ZAT!" AND ZEN I SAID

Archie
NO 11
JUNE
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
I'VE GOT YOU AT LAST!
ROBOTNIK NC
"WE LOVE TO POLLUTE AND "SHOWS"
I'M NOT JUST A CUT-UP I'M A CUT-OUT!
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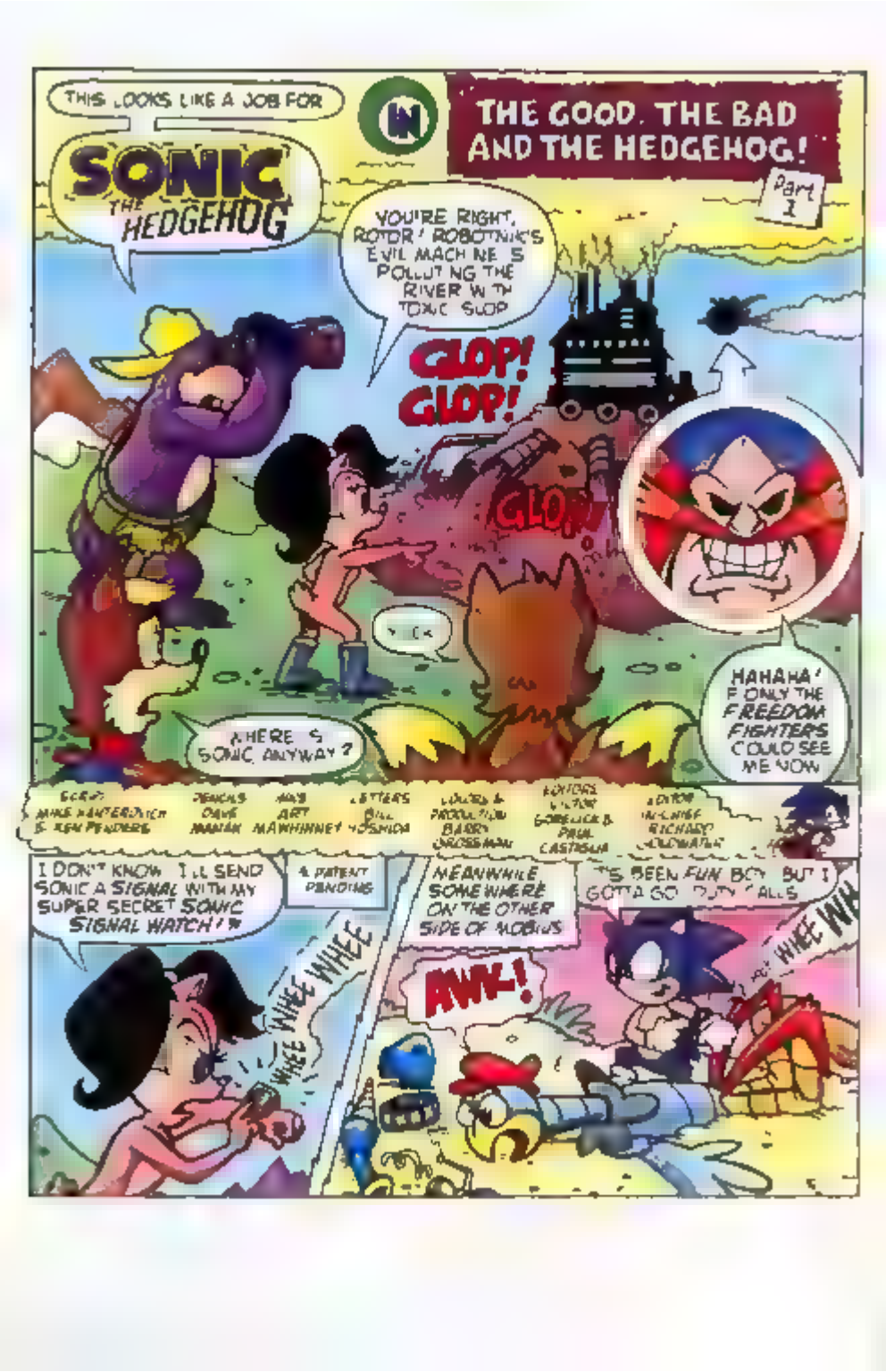
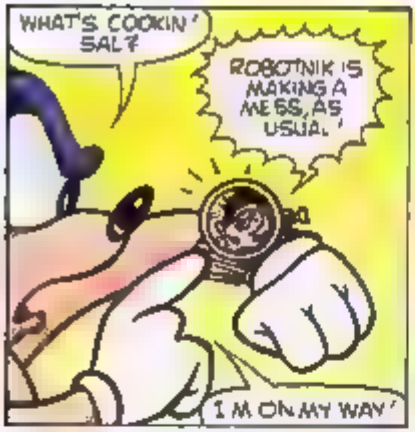
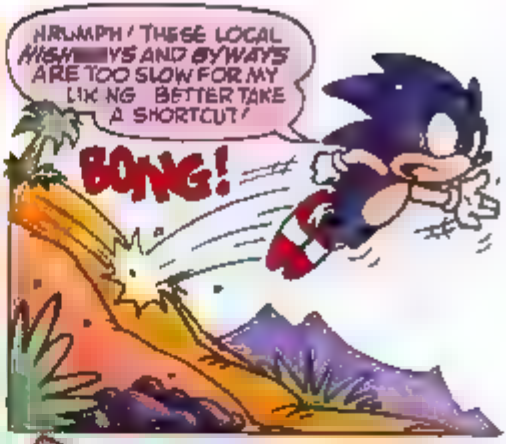
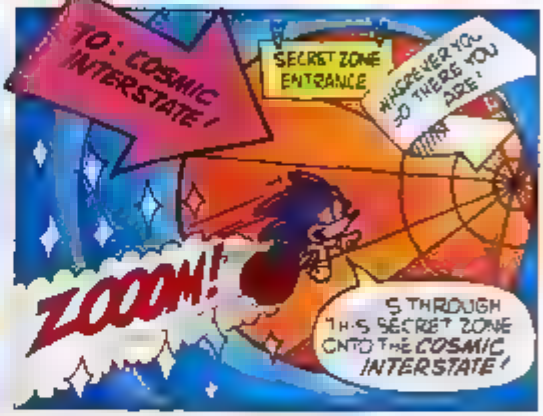
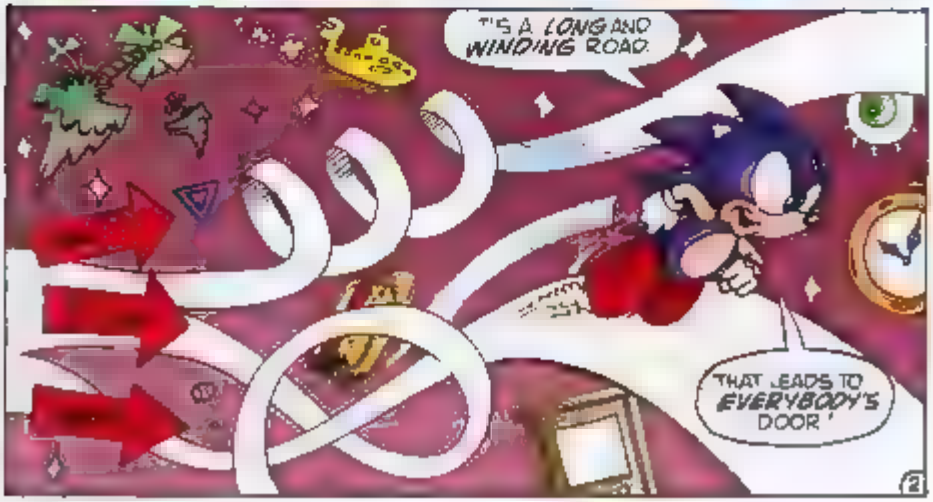

THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE HEDGEHOG!
Part 1
YOU'RE RIGHT, ROTOR! ROBOTNIK'S EVIL MACHINE IS POLLUTING THE RIVER WITH TOXIC SLOP
GLOP! GLOP!
GLOP!
HAHAHA! IF ONLY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS COULD SEE ME NOW
WHERE IS SONIC ANYWAY?
I DON'T KNOW. I'LL SEND SONIC A SIGNAL WITH MY SUPER SECRET SONIC SIGNAL WATCH!
A PATENT PENDING
WHEE WHEE WHEE
MEANWHILE SOMEWHERE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF MOBIUS
AWW!
IT'S BEEN FUN BOY BUT I GOTTA GO DUTY CALLS
WHEE WHEE


WHAT'S COOKIN' SAL?
ROBOTNIK IS MAKING A MESS, AS USUAL!
I'M ON MY WAY!


HRUMPH! THESE LOCAL HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS ARE TOO SLOW FOR MY LIKING. BETTER TAKE A SHORTCUT!
BONG!

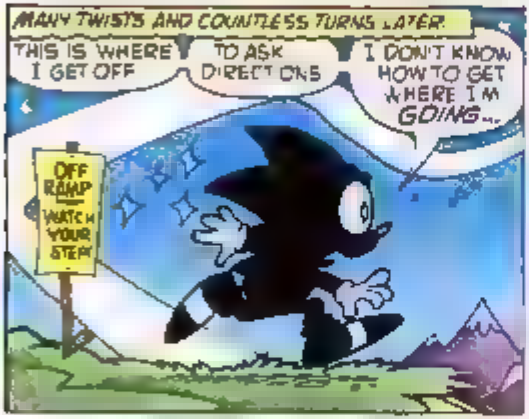
... AND THE SHORTEST CUT I KNOW.


TO: COSMIC INTERSTATE!
SECRET ZONE ENTRANCE
WHEREVER YOU GO THERE YOU ARE!
ZOOOM!
STHROUGH THIS SECRET ZONE ONTO THE COSMIC INTERSTATE!

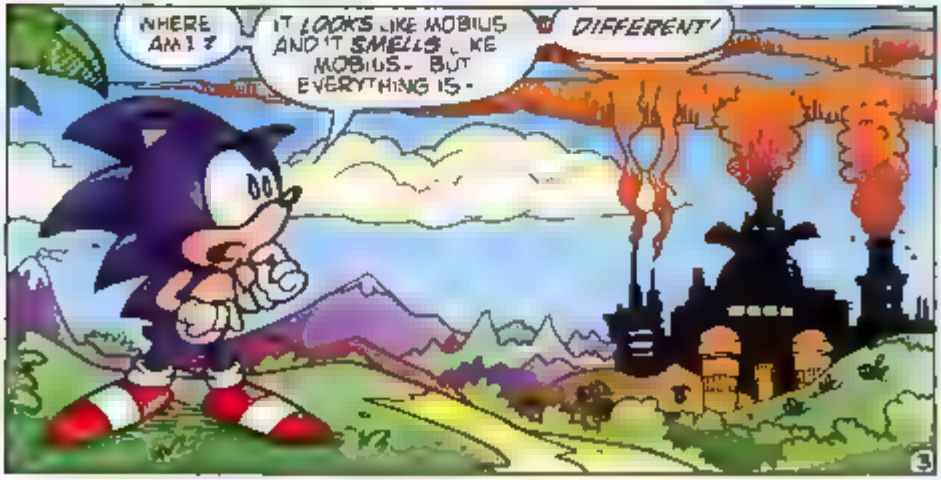

'TIS A LONG AND WINDING ROAD.
THAT LEADS TO EVERYBODY'S DOOR!

UH-OH I THINK I MADE MY TRIP A LITTLE TOO LONG I OVERSHOT!
WHOOPS! YOU JUST MISSED THE LASTEX TO MOBIUS! SORRY CHARLIE
TO
PARTS UNKNOWN

NO TIME TO TAKE A MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR!
ABBEY LANE
GOTTA BACKTRACK. DOUBLE BACK TO WHERE I ONCE BELONGED!


MANY TWISTS AND COUNTLESS TURNS LATER.
THIS IS WHERE I GET OFF
TO ASK DIRECTIONS
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET WHERE I'M GOING...
OFF RAMP
WATCH YOUR STEP!

FROM WHERE I AM?!

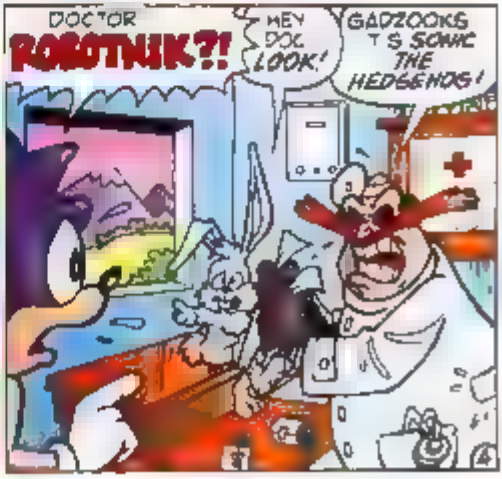

WHERE AM I?
IT LOOKS LIKE MOBIUS AND IT SMELLS LIKE MOBIUS - BUT EVERYTHING IS -
DIFFERENT!

SOMETHING'S VERY WRONG
BETTER HIGHTAIL IT TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS' HQ
MAYBE PRINCESS SALLY KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON

.. AROUND..
.. HERE!
ERT!

THIS IS NEW!
HAVE I BEEN GONE THAT LONG?
VETERINARY CLINIC

HELLOOO! ANYBODY HOME?
SALLY?
ROTOR?
X RAY
COSMIC RAY

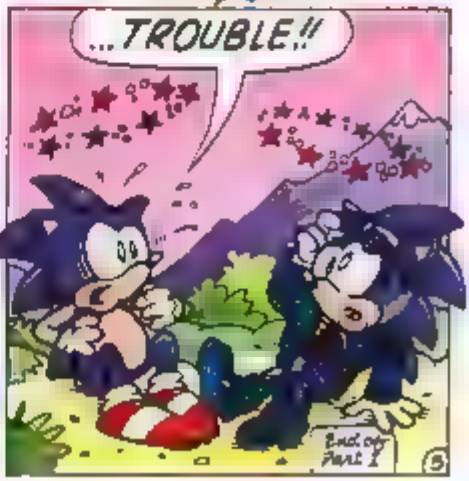

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?!
HEY DOC LOOK!
GADZOOKS IT'S SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

HOLD HIM BOYS! DON'T LET H M GET AWAY!
DON'T WORRY DOC HE WON'T!

GULP! LOOKS LIKE I M IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME!
BUT

THAT WINDOW...
COULD POSSIBLY
...HAVE BEEN PLACED...
FOR A TIMELY ESCAPE!
I NEED TO PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN ME AND THIS MADHOUSE
BEFORE I RUN INTO ANY MORE

BONK


...TROUBLE!!
End of Part I
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11 "THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE HEDGEHOG!"

HEY! YOU'RE NOT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

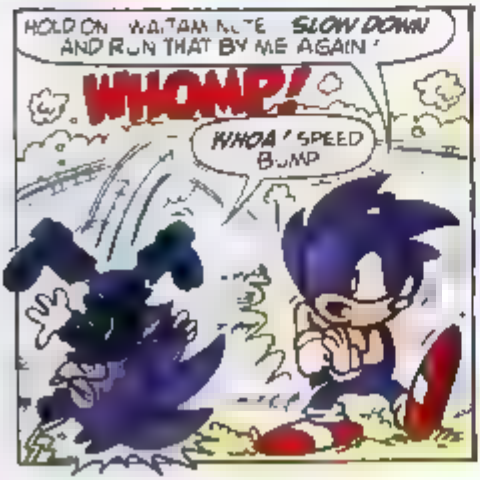
I AM!

ARE NOT

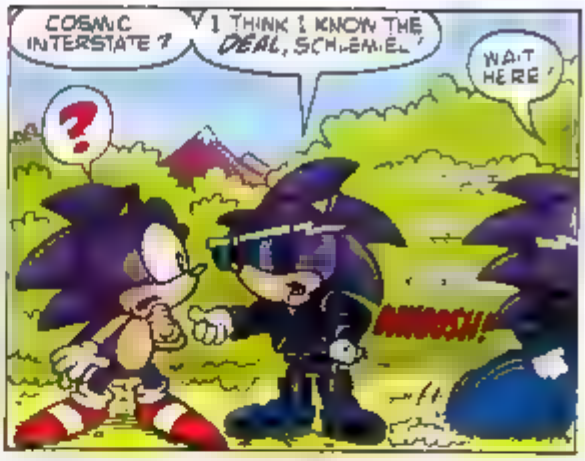
AM TOO

SEZ WHO?

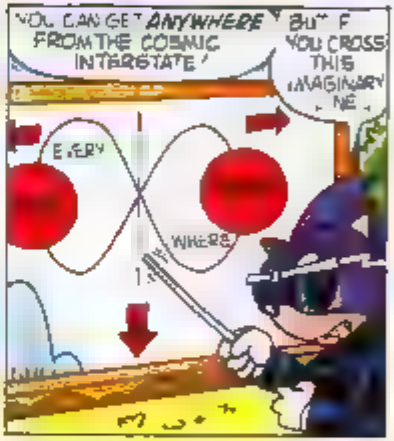
SEZ ME

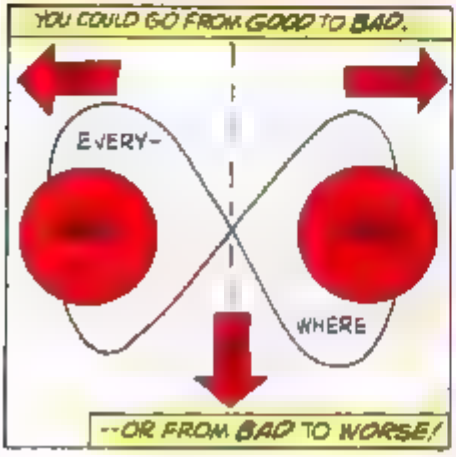


ONE WRONG TURN ON THE COSMIC INTERSTATE, AND SUDDENLY I'M BESIDE MYSELF
!


COSMIC INTERSTATE?
I THINK I KNOW THE DEAL, SCHLEMIEL!
WAIT HERE!
?
WHOOSH!

I'LL DRAW YOU A PICTURE!
BUT IT AIN'T GONNA BE A VERY PRETTY ONE
ZIP!


YOU CAN GET ANYWHERE FROM THE COSMIC INTERSTATE!
BUT IF YOU CROSS THIS IMAGINARY LINE
EVERY
WHERE


YOU COULD GO FROM GOOD TO BAD.
EVERY-
WHERE
--OR FROM BAD TO WORSE!

COMPRENDE?
NO! I'M ALL TURNED AROUND!
EXACTLY! THAT'S MY POINT!

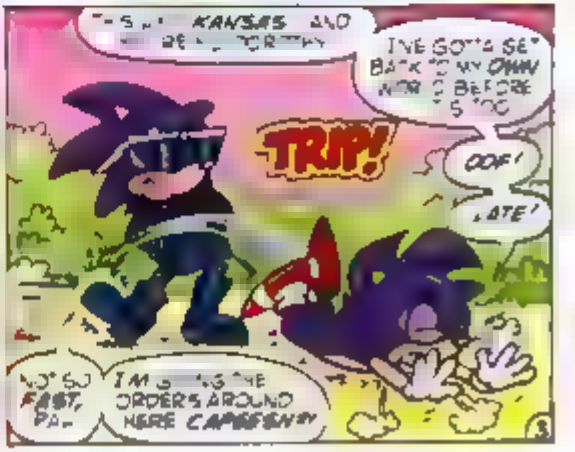
YOU'VE GONE TOTALLY 'ROUND THE BEND PA.
WELCOME TO THE REVERSE UNIVERSE!

HERE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS FIGHT AGAINST FREEDOM
TRY SAYING THAT FIVE TIMES FAST

AND KINDLY OL' DOC ROBOTNIK IS LEFT PICKING UP THE PIECES.
BETTER!
THANKS

AND WHEN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG DISLIKES SOMEONE, HE STAYS DISLIKED.
ONE OF THESE DAYS, ME AND THE GANG ARE GONNA TOPPLE HIS TOWER OF HEALING ONCE AND FOR ALL!
VETERINARY CLINIC

HOOO BOY!
I REALLY AM IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME


KANSAS
I'VE GOTTA GET BACK TO MY OWN WORLD BEFORE SUNDOWN
TRIP!
OOF!
LATE!
NOT SO FAST, PA.
I'M GETTING THE ORDERS AROUND HERE, CAPPEEN!

MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE MOBIUS WE ALL KNOW AND LOVE BETCHA THOUGHT WE FORGOT, DIDN'T YA?

WHERE COULD SONIC BE KEEPING HIMSELF?

NEVER MIND THAT! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THIS GROSS SLIME?

I BET IT WOULD TASTE GREAT ON TOAST!

YUM!

YOU ARE HERE

SIGH... THIS IS LIKE WATCHING PAINT DRY

AND IN THE REVERSE UNIVERSE CONFUSING, ISN'T IT?

YOU ARE HERE

I'M NOT OFTEN I RUN INTO SOMEONE WHO CAN KEEP UP WITH ME...

AND I INTEND TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT!

YOU'RE THE LEAST OF MY WORRIES PAL... GET LOST!

YOU SAY YES! I SAY NO

YOU SAY STOP-- AND I SAY

GO! GO! GO!

ZIP A DEE... DAH

ZIP A DEE DA

YOU CAN'T SEE ME BY RUNNING AWAY

SHEESH MY EVIL SELF IS REALLY GIVING ME THE RUN AROUND

QUIT CHASING MY TAIL

NO WAY! THIS IS TOO MUCH FUN!

I'LL SAY THIS MUCH FOR HIM HE'S CERTAINLY PERSISTENT!

YOU'VE GOT AN ATTITUDE

BUT MINE'S BADDER!

I'M ONLY RUNNING A SECOND OR TWO AHEAD OF THE GUY

VETERINAR CLINIC

BUT WITH A LITTLE LUCK

... A SECOND MIGHT BE ALL I NEED!

NYAH! NYAH!

GYAHH!! HE'S BACK!

QUICK GRAB HIM

HEY WHAT TH?

THAT'S MY CUE TO SK-DOO!

VROOM!

KER-SPLAT!

CURSES FOILED AGAIN

EH WHAT'S UP DOC?

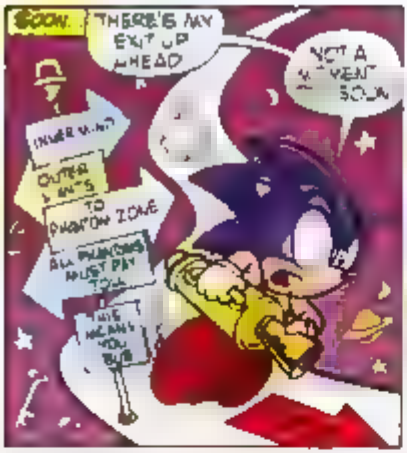
BBADS! SECOND

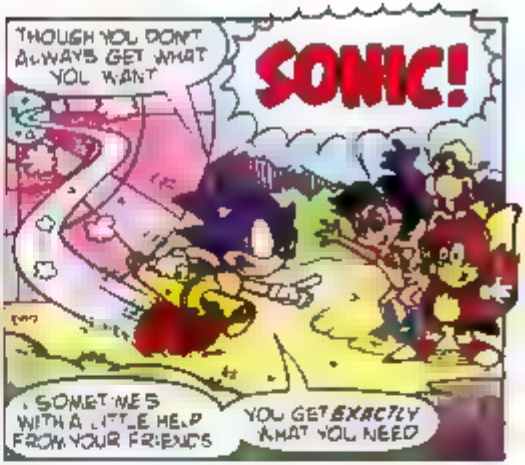
WHERE HAVE WE HEARD THAT LINE BEFORE? EK

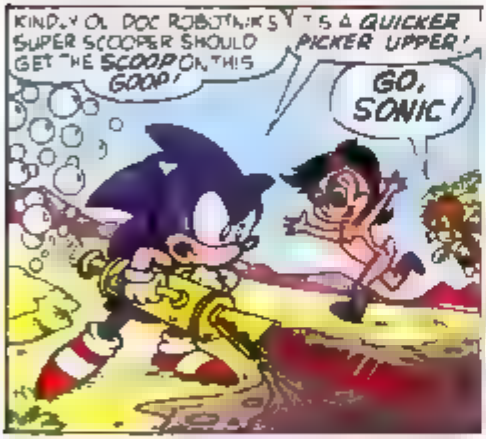
LATER AFTER EXPLANATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE

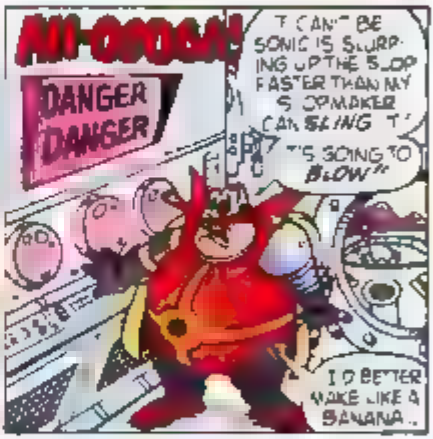
LET ME STETHOSCOPE YOU OUT

SORRY BUT SPACE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

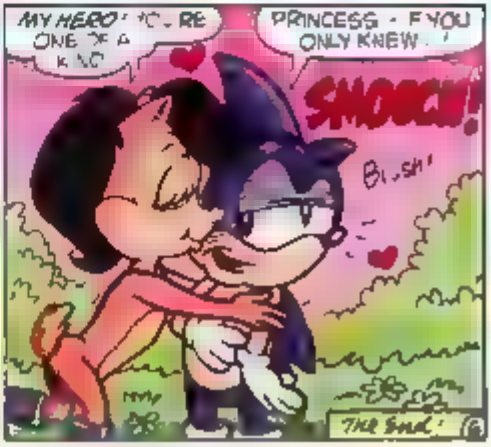

SOON.
THERE'S MY EXIT UP AHEAD
NOT A [illegible] SOON
OUTER LANDS TO PHANTOM ZONE
ALL PASSENGERS MUST PAY TOLL
THIS MEANS YOU BUB


THOUGH YOU DON'T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT
SONIC!
SOMETIMES WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM YOUR FRIENDS
YOU GET EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED


KINDLY OL' DOC ROBOTNIK'S SUPER SCOOPER SHOULD GET THE SCOOP ON THIS GOOP!
IT'S A QUICKER PICKER UPPER!
GO, SONIC!


AH-OOGA!
DANGER DANGER
IT CAN'T BE SONIC IS SLURPING UP THE SLOP FASTER THAN MY SCOPMAKER CAN SLING IT!
IT'S GOING TO BLOW!!
I'D BETTER MAKE LIKE A BANANA...

...AND SPLIT
I'LL BE BACK!
KRAKADOOM!
YOU CAN COUNT ON


MY HERO! YOU'RE ONE OF A KIND
PRINCESS - IF YOU ONLY KNEW...
SMOOCH!
BLUSH!
THE END!

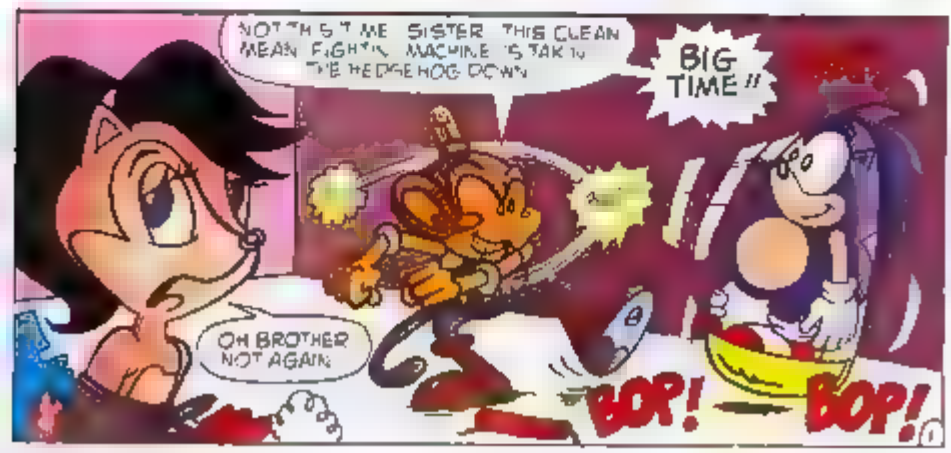
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

...WILL NEVER "BEAT THE CLOCK!"

TICK... TICK... TICK... TICK...

YOU KNOW I'LL SWAT BOT. HE'LL GET HIS JUST DESSERTS OR MY NAME'S NOT *COCONUTS!*

YOUR NAME WILL BE *MUD* ONCE SONIC CATCHES UP WITH YOU!



DOESN'T ROBOTNIK EVER GIVE UP?

ROBOTNIK? ROBOTNIK?!

THIS ISN'T HIS PLAN, PRINCESS

BOP BOP BOP

I'M MAKIN' MY MOVE TO MOVE TO THE TOP OF ROBOTNIK'S HIT PARADE!

ROBOTNIK'S TOP TEN!

1 - Bat Brain
2 - Grounder
3 - Scratch
4 - Crabmeat
5 - Buzzbomber
6 - Jaws
7 - Caterkiller
8 - Neutron
9 - Cluck
10 - Coconuts

AND EARN MY GOLD STAR IN THE PROCESS

SCRATCH MADE MINCEMEAT OUT OF CRABMEAT WHEN HE DEEP-SIXED SONIC FOR 16 SECONDS. THEN HE FOUNDED OUT

WHEN GROUNDER TRIED TO FLOOR THAT HEDGEHOG, HE GROUNDED OUT AFTER 17 SECONDS

CLANK!

BAT BRAIN WAS SMARTER THAN THE BOTH OF THEM! HE WINGED IT FOR 37 SECONDS BEFORE FINALLY CAVING IN!

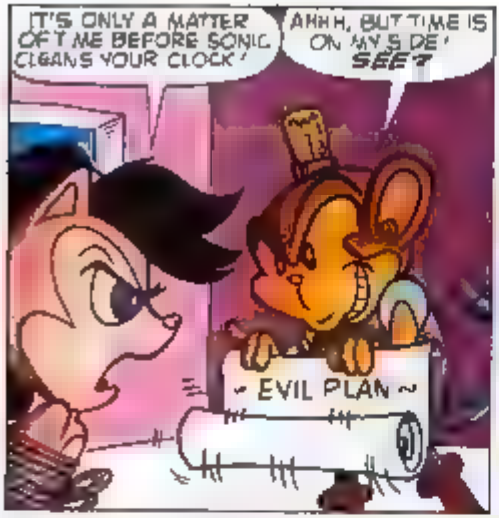
BUT NOBODY'S GONNA MAKE A MONKEY OUT OF ME. I'M GONNA GO THE DISTANCE

POF!

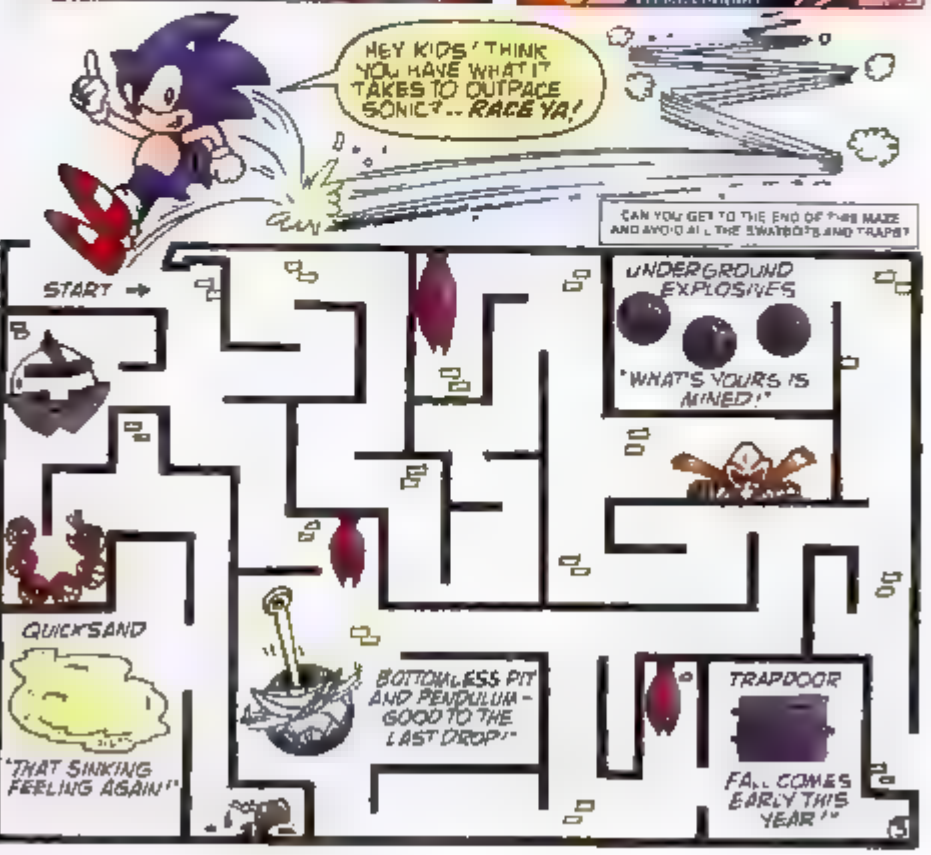
YOU'RE NUTS

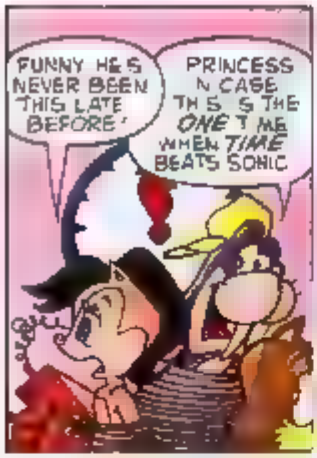
THAT'S COCONUTS TO YOU! HAVEN'T YOU BEEN PAYING ATTENTION?

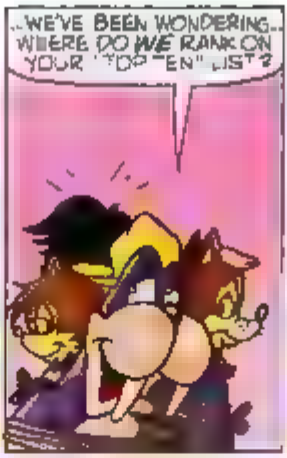
TNT HIGH EXPLOSIVES


IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SONIC CLEANS YOUR CLOCK!
AHH H, BUT TIME IS ON MY SIDE! SEE?
~ EVIL PLAN ~

WHILE MY TIME BOMB TICKS AWAY THE SECONDS TO YOUR DOOM, SONIC WILL BE DAZZLED, DAZED AND DELAYED BY MY NEVER-ENDING MAZE!
gasp!

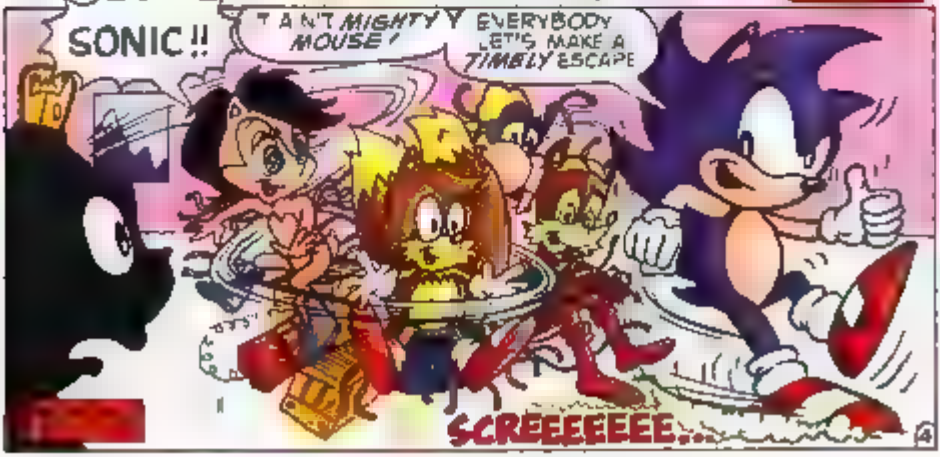

HEY KIDS! THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO OUTPACE SONIC? -- RACE YA!
CAN YOU GET TO THE END OF THE MAZE AND AVOID ALL THE SWATBOTS AND TRAPS?
START
UNDERGROUND EXPLOSIVES
"WHAT'S YOURS IS MINED!"
QUICKSAND
"THAT SINKING FEELING AGAIN!"
BOTTOMLESS PIT AND PENDULUM - GOOD TO THE LAST DROP!"
TRAPDOOR
FALL COMES EARLY THIS YEAR!"

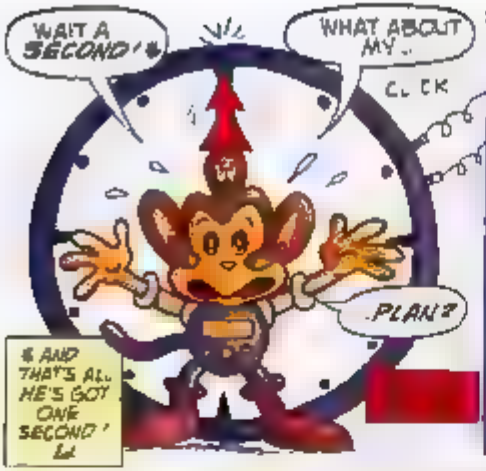

FUNNY HE'S NEVER BEEN THIS LATE BEFORE!
PRINCESS IN CASE THIS IS THE ONE TIME WHEN TIME BEATS SONIC


...WE'VE BEEN WONDERING... WHERE DO WE RANK ON YOUR "TOP TEN" LIST?

SORRY BOYS--SONIC TAKES ALL TEN SLOTS ON MY LIST! *
* TRUE

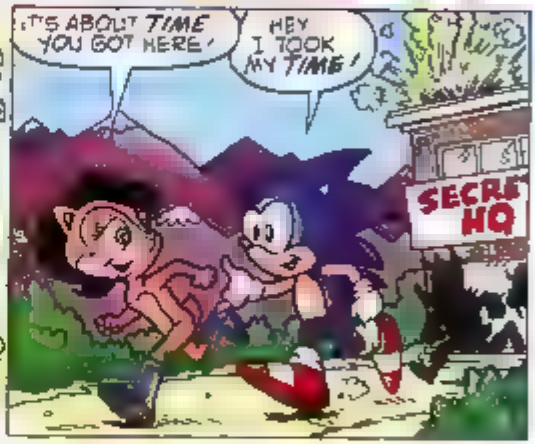
I KNEW IT IN THE NICK OF TIME AGAIN
HERE I COME TO SAVE THE DAY!

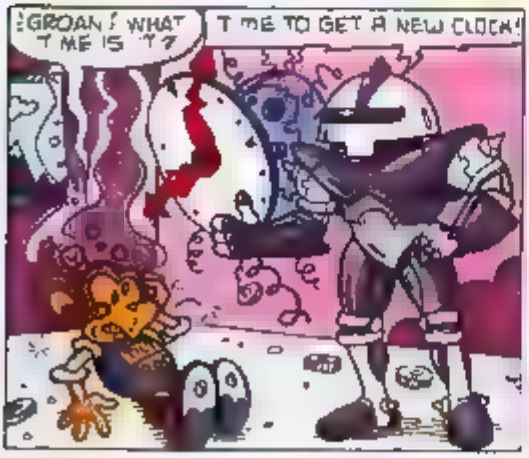

SONIC!!
IT AIN'T MIGHTY MOUSE!
EVERYBODY LET'S MAKE A TIMELY ESCAPE
SCREEEEEEEE...

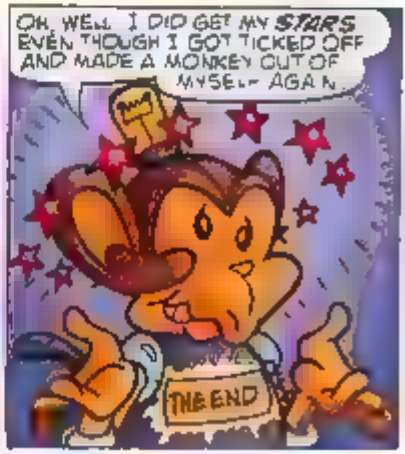

WAIT A SECOND!
WHAT ABOUT MY..
CLICK
PLAN?
AND THAT'S ALL HE'S GOT ONE SECOND!

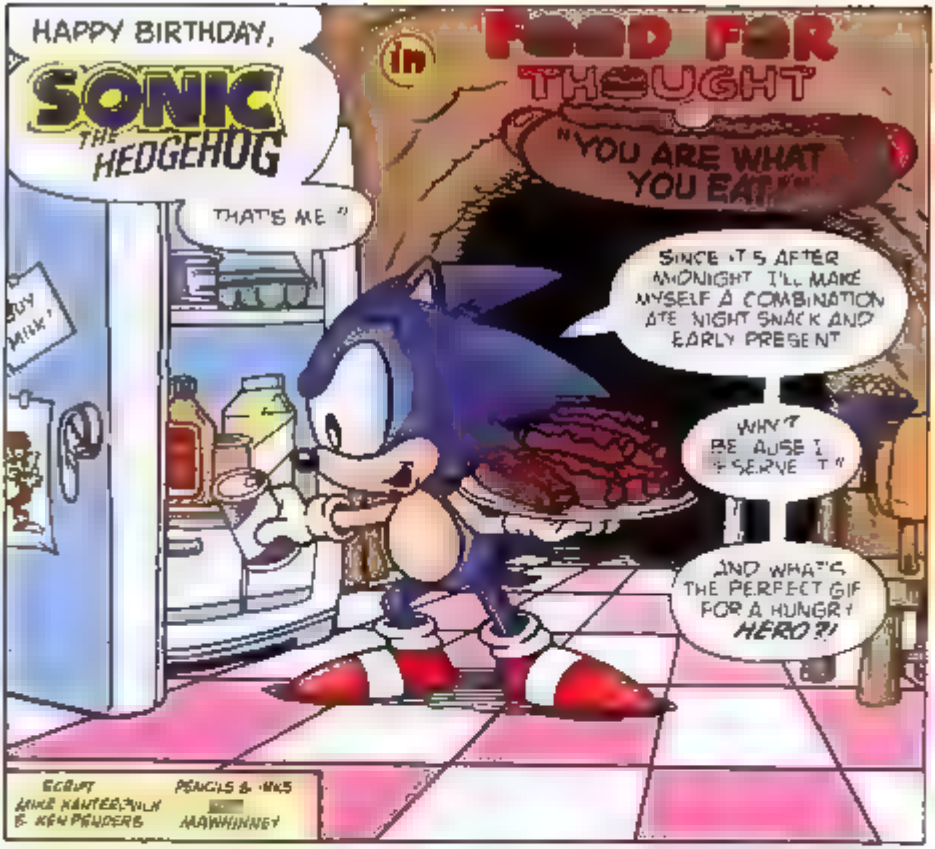
UH OH

KA-BLOOEY!


IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT HERE!
HEY I TOOK MY TIME!
SECRET HQ

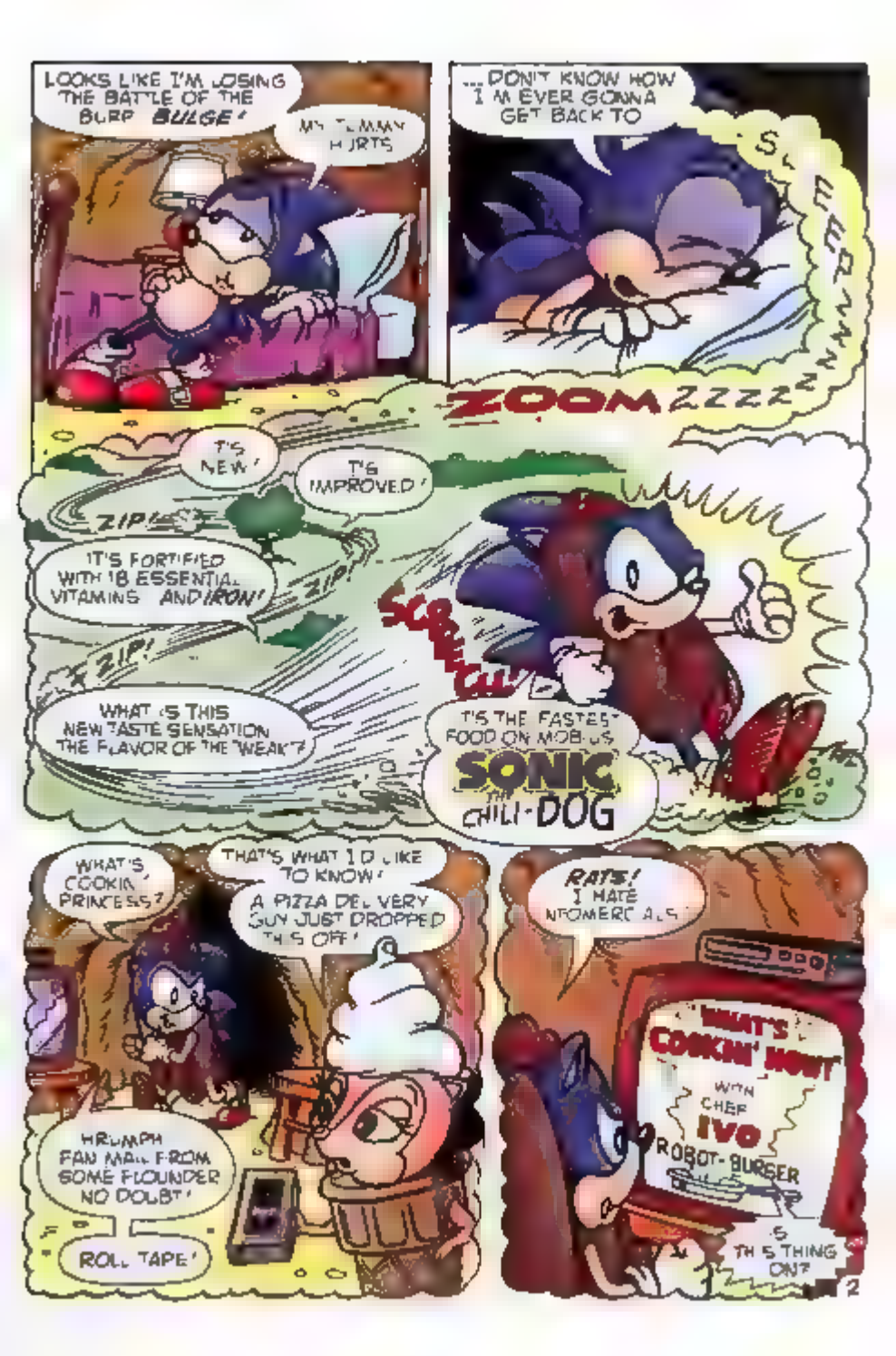

GROAN! WHAT TIME IS IT?
TIME TO GET A NEW CLOCK!


OH, WELL. I DID GET MY STARS EVEN THOUGH I GOT TICKED OFF AND MADE A MONKEY OUT OF MYSELF AGAIN.
THE END


HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN FOOD FOR THOUGHT
"YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT!"
THAT'S ME!
BUY MILK!
SINCE IT'S AFTER MIDNIGHT I'LL MAKE MYSELF A COMBINATION ATE NIGHT SNACK AND EARLY PRESENT
WHY? BECAUSE I DESERVE IT!
AND WHAT'S THE PERFECT GIF FOR A HUNGRY HERO?!
SCRIPT MIKE KANTER, NICK & KEN PENDERS
PENCILS & INKS MAWHINNEY

MORE CHILI-DOGS THAN A HEDGEHOG SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO HAVE, OF COURSE!
WONDER WHY THAT IS?

(GROAN). NOW I KNOW!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I ATE THE WHOOOOLE THING


LOOKS LIKE I'M LOSING THE BATTLE OF THE BURP BULGE!
MY TUMMY HURTS
...DON'T KNOW HOW I'M EVER GONNA GET BACK TO
SLEEPZZZZ
ZOOMZZZZZ
IT'S NEW!
IT'S IMPROVED!
ZIP!
IT'S FORTIFIED WITH 18 ESSENTIAL VITAMINS AND IRON!
ZIP!
ZIP!
WHAT'S THIS NEW TASTE SENSATION THE FLAVOR OF THE WEEK?
SCREECH
IT'S THE FASTEST FOOD ON MOBIUS
SONIC THE CHILI-DOG
WHAT'S COOKIN', PRINCESS?
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW!
A PIZZA DELIVERY GUY JUST DROPPED THIS OFF!
HRUMPH FAN MAIL FROM SOME FLOUNDER NO DOUBT!
ROLL TAPE!
RATS! I HATE INTERRUPTIONS!
WHAT'S COOKIN' NOW?
WITH CHEF IVO ROBOT-BURGER
IS THIS THING ON?

- NOT PROFESSIONAL ACTORS -

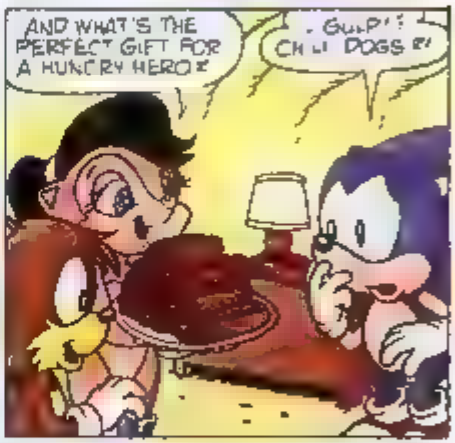
* PAID ENDORSEMENT -

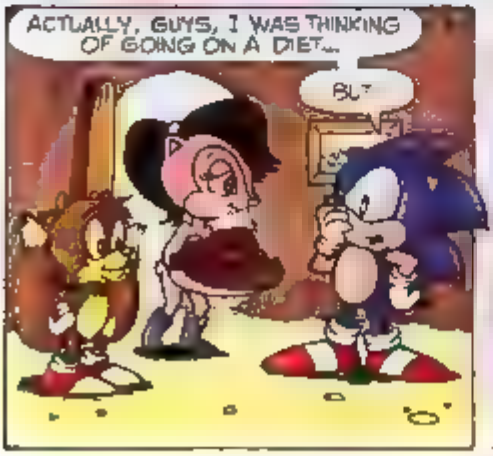
OUR "FISH" HAS TAKEN THE BAIT! HE'S SWALLOWED OUR PARTY LINE. HOOK, LINE AND SINKER. TIME TO REEL HIM IN. YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO COCONUTS.
BOSS
SEND THAT LITTLE TWINKLE OUT TO LUNCH.
SONIC LOOK OUT!
ZIP!
FLOP!
WHOOPS!!
WHOOPS!!
BONK!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS DAY WITH GREAT RELISH HEDGEHOG. YOUR GOOSE IS COOKED.
GOOSE? THAT REMINDS ME I'D BETTER MOVE MY BIRDS.
NO WAY CHILI DOG. IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO FRY! HEH, HEH, HEH.
RADAR RANGE
MUSTARD

WHAT A PICKLE!
LOOKS LIKE ROBOT-BURGER'S GONNA HAVE THIS WAY, AFTER ALL!
NOOOO...
BOMB!

(YAWN) NOW I KNOW HOW THE CHILI-DOGS FEEL.
I'M NEVER GOING TO LET MY APPETITE GET THE BETTER OF ME AGAIN!
NOT EVEN ON MY BIRTHDAY

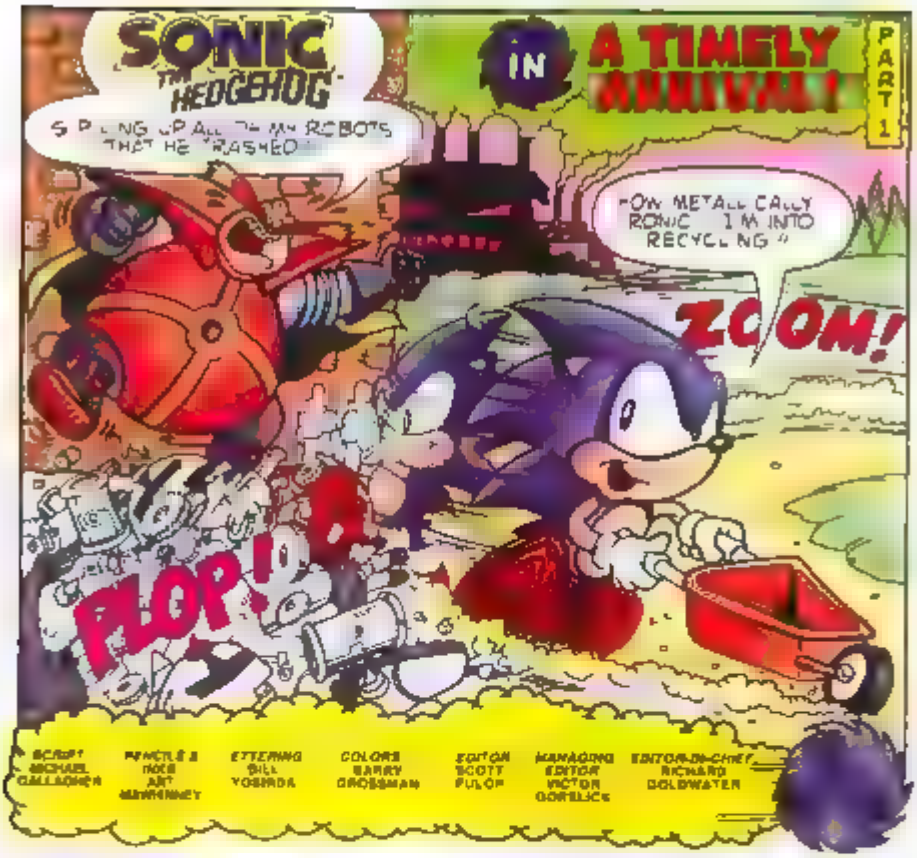
SURPRISE!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY SONIC


AND WHAT'S THE PERFECT GIFT FOR A HUNGRY HERO?
GULP!! CHILI DOGS!!


ACTUALLY, GUYS, I WAS THINKING OF GOING ON A DIET...
BUT

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY
A CHILI DOG IS A DOG-GONE THING TO WASTE!
CHOMP!
YUM!
CHOMP!

Archie
NO. 12
JULY
US $1.25
CAN $1.50
MON HE SKATES ON THOSE EIGHTY EIGHTS!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
SON C PLAYED "THE MINUTE WALTZ" N SEVEN SECONDS!
SPEED IS THE KEY TO MY SUCCESS!
DAVE MANAK & JERRY GRAPPELLI


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN
A TIMELY ARRIVAL!
PART 1
SPLING UP ALL THE MY ROBOTS THAT HE TRASHED...
"OW METALLICALLY RONIC I'M INTO RECYCLING"
ZOOM!
FLOP!
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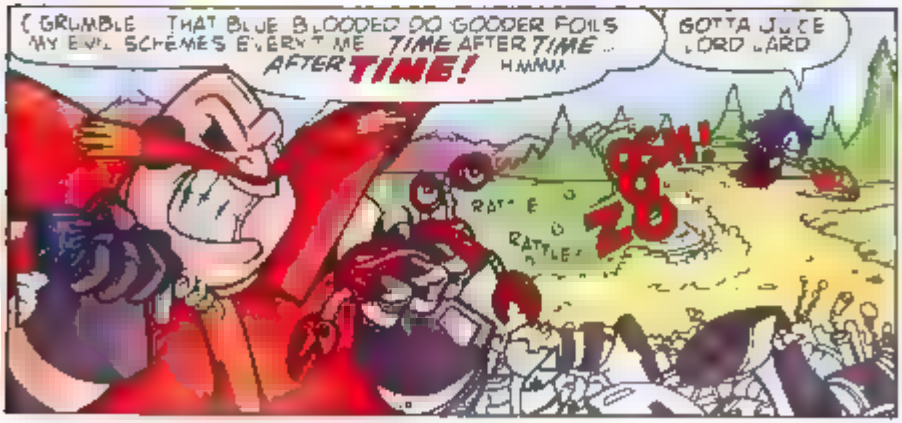
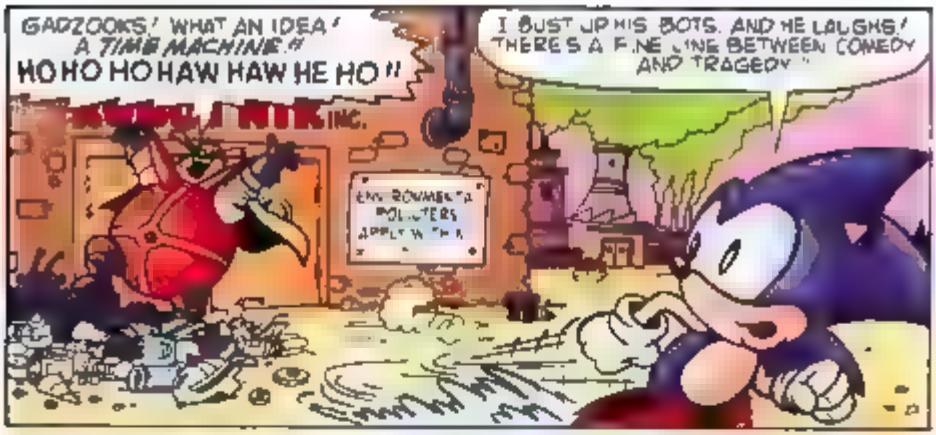
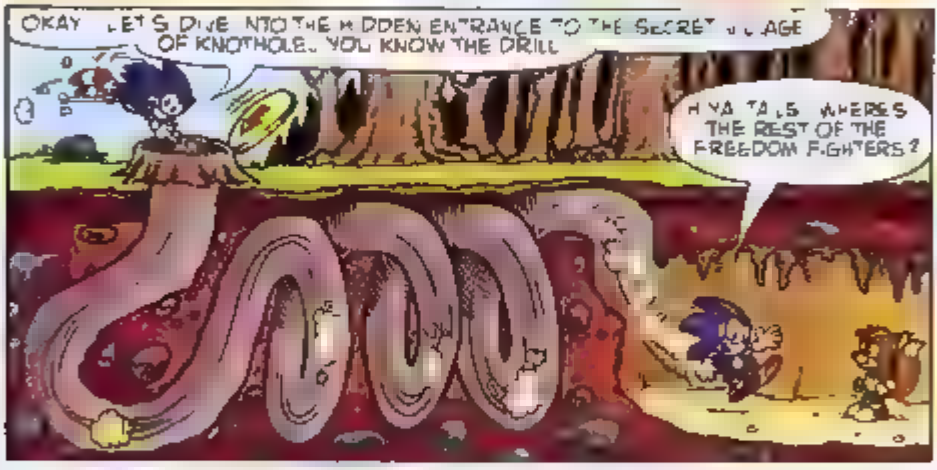
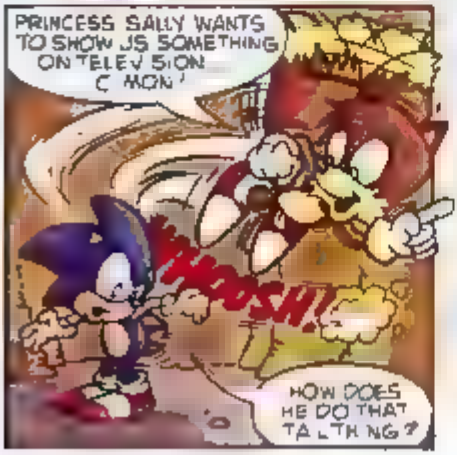
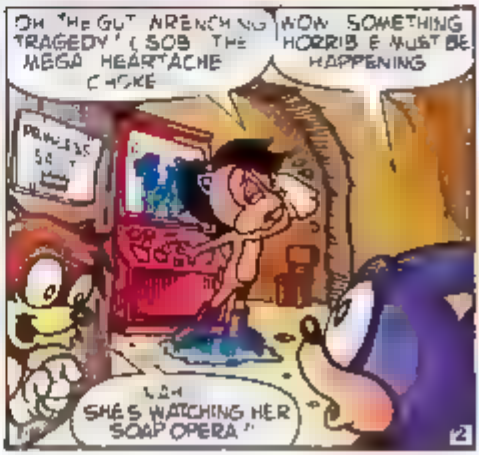

(GRUMBLE THAT BLUE BLOODED DO-GOODER FOILS MY EVIL SCHEMES EVERY TIME TIME AFTER TIME... AFTER TIME! HMMM
GOTTA JUICE LORD LARD
RATTLE
RATTLE
ZOOM!


GADZOOKS! WHAT AN IDEA! A TIME MACHINE!! HO HO HO HAW HAW HE HO!!
INC.
I BUST UP HIS BOTS, AND HE LAUGHS! THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN COMEDY AND TRAGEDY!!

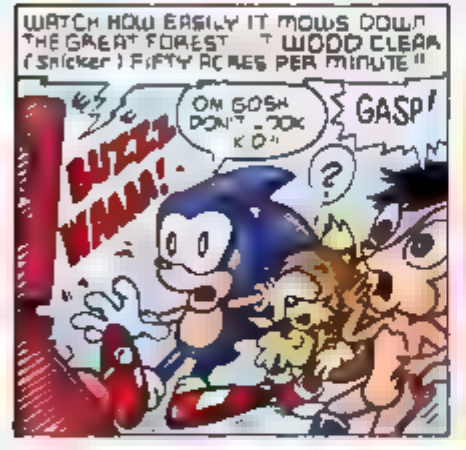

OKAY LET'S DIVE INTO THE HIDDEN ENTRANCE TO THE SECRET VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE. YOU KNOW THE DRILL
HEY TAILS WHERE'S THE REST OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS?


PRINCESS SALLY WANTS TO SHOW US SOMETHING ON TELEVISION C'MON!
WHOOSH!
HOW DOES HE DO THAT TALKING?

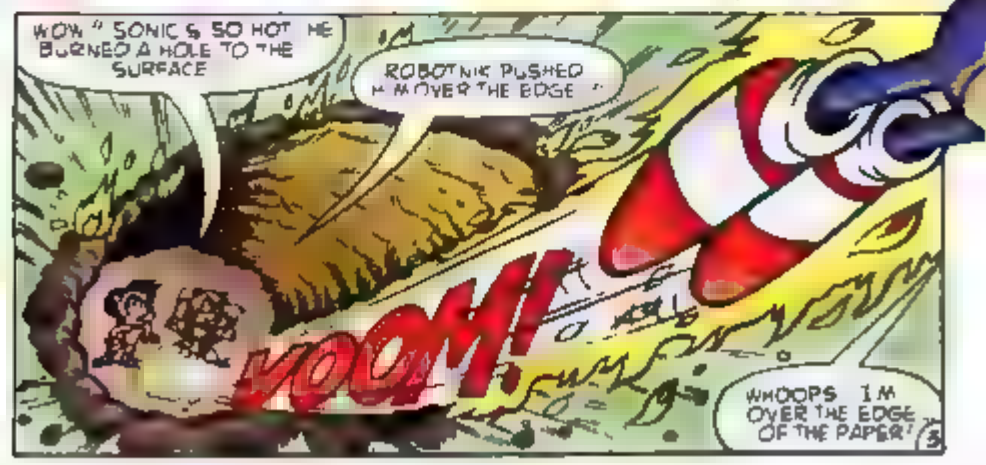

OH THE GUT WRENCHING TRAGEDY! (SOB) THE MEGA HEARTACHE CHOKE
WOW SOMETHING HORRIBLE MUST BE HAPPENING
SHE'S WATCHING HER SOAP OPERA!

OH, HI, SONIC! I ER WAS JUST ABOUT TO TURN ON THE NEWS
S-UUUURE YOU WERE!
R&V NEWS
ROBOTNIK BELLY-WEIGH

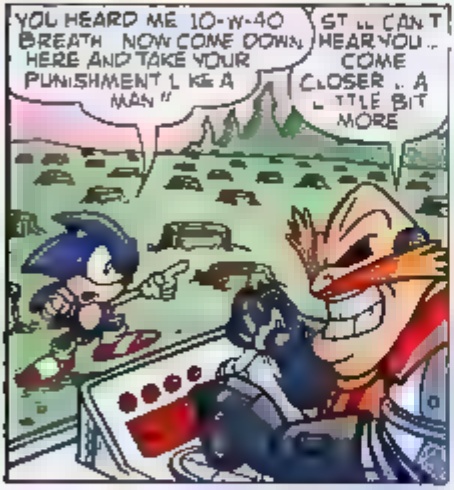
GOOD DAY! OUR JUMPY LEADER IVO ROBOTNIK HAS JUST UNVEILED HIS LATEST INVENTION: THE MOBILE MONSTER CHAINSAW!
NOEEO!!

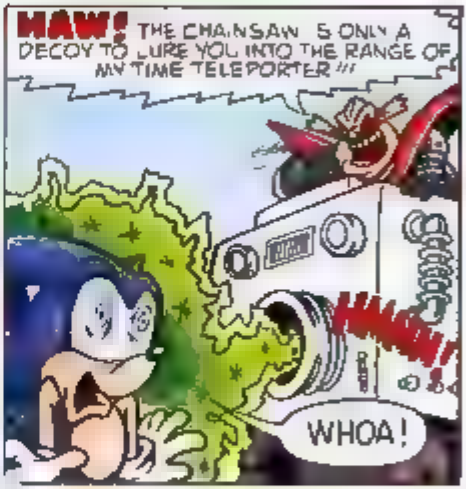

WATCH HOW EASILY IT MOWS DOWN THE GREAT FOREST... WOOD CLEAR (snicker) FIFTY ACRES PER MINUTE!!
OH GOSH DON'T -TOK K O!!
GASP!
BUZZZ WAAA!

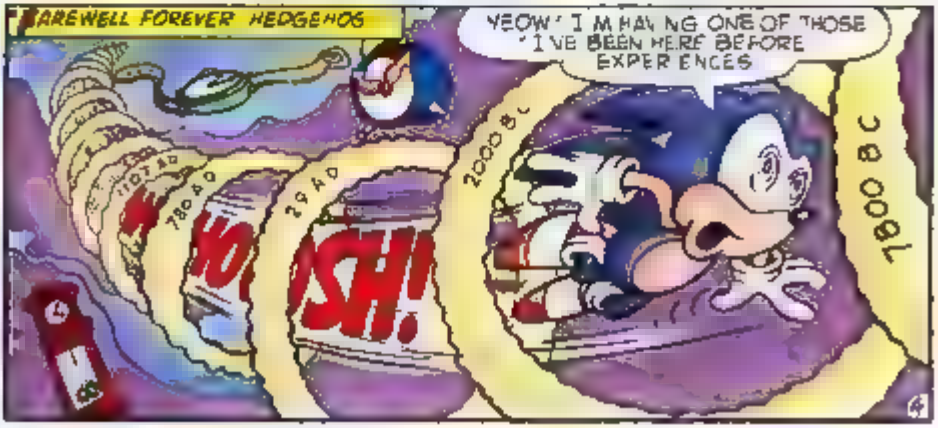
AND NOW THE WEATHER
I ALREADY KNOW WHAT THE TEMPERATURE IS... MY BOILING POINT!!
SONIC WAIT!
TOO LATE! BLUE BRIGHT RED!
EEE


WOW! SONIC'S SO HOT HE BURNED A HOLE TO THE SURFACE
ROBOTNIK PUSHED HIM OVER THE EDGE!
VOOM!
WHOOPS! I'M OVER THE EDGE OF THE PAPER!

SECONDS LATER..
THAT'S THE LAST TREE YOU CUT BLUBBERBUTT!
WHAT?
BWAAAA!!
BWANG!


YOU HEARD ME 10-W-40 BREATH NOW COME DOWN HERE AND TAKE YOUR PUNISHMENT LIKE A MAN!!
STILL CAN'T HEAR YOU.. COME CLOSER.. A LITTLE BIT MORE


HAW! THE CHAINSAW IS ONLY A DECOY TO LURE YOU INTO THE RANGE OF MY TIME TELEPORTER!!!
HAWN!
WHOA!


FAREWELL FOREVER HEDGEHOG
YEOW! I'M HAVING ONE OF THOSE "I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE" EXPERIENCES
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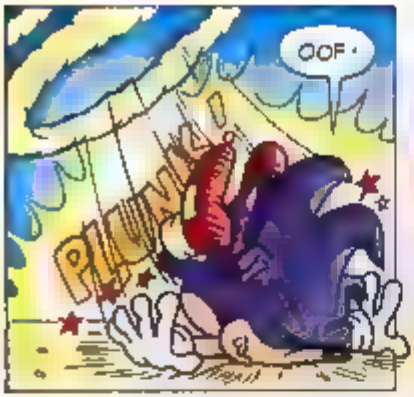
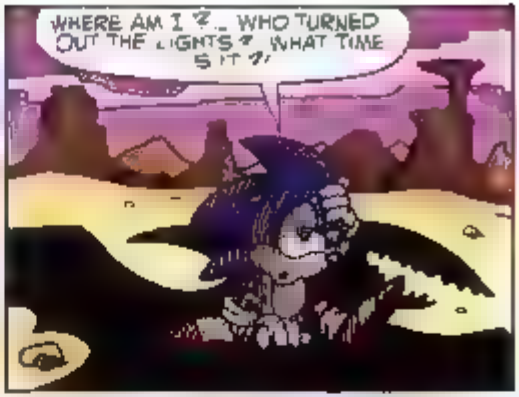
780 AD
29 AD
2000 B.C.
7800 B.C.
SH!


OOF!
PLUNK

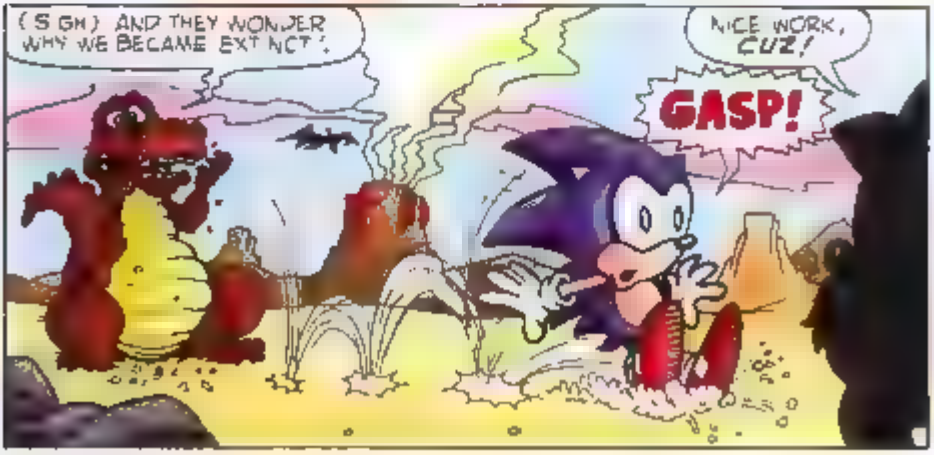

WHERE AM I ?... WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS ? WHAT TIME IS IT ?!

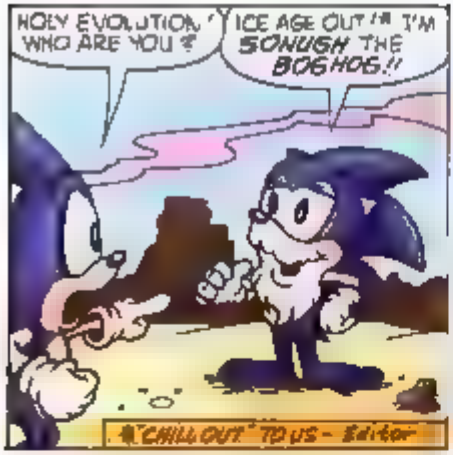
TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS (1) YOU'RE IN PREHISTORIC MOBIUS (2) I TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS AND (3) IT'S DINNER TIME
HOKEY SMOKES A PTERODON! *
* PTERODACTYL - Editor
WHATEVER

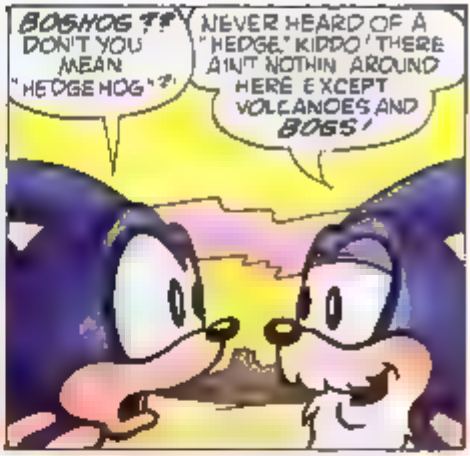
AWK!
BUZZZZ
NO WAY YOU'RE CHOWING ON MY PORK CHOPS LEATHER WINGS!

UH-OH! THIS BIG LIZARD THINKS I'M A REMEDY FOR HIS SAURE THROAT
NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN!!!
END PART I

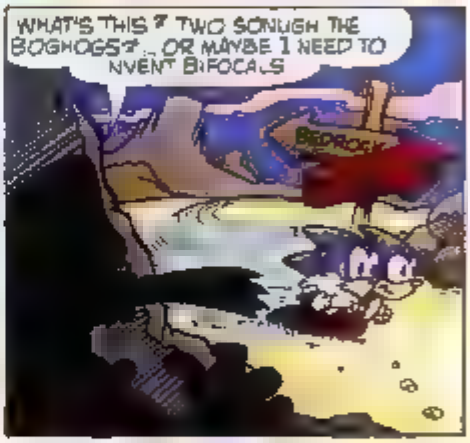
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in
A TIMELY ARRIVAL!
PART II
... IS NOT ABOUT TO GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS A DINO-SNACK!!
GHURGH!
ZINGG!!
CRACK!
SNAP!
POP!
TWANG
CRACKLE!
I HOPE YOUR MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERS DENTAL

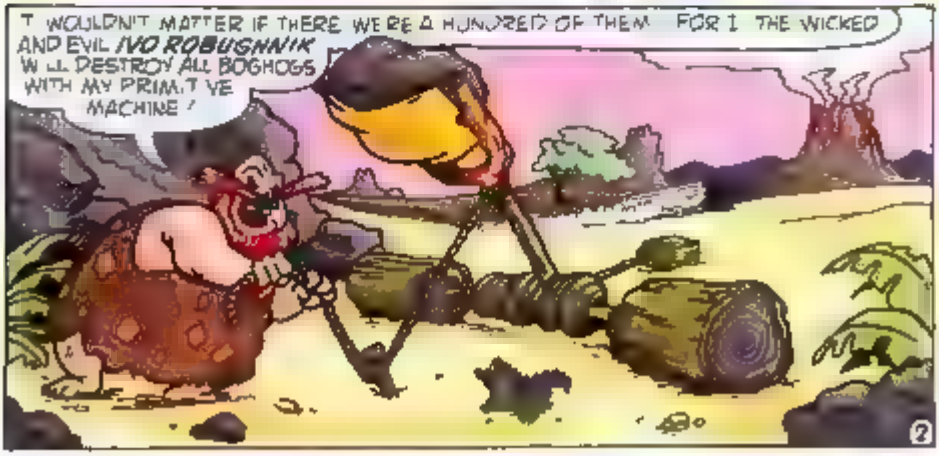

(SIGH) AND THEY WONDER WHY WE BECAME EXTINCT!
NICE WORK, CUZ!
GASP!

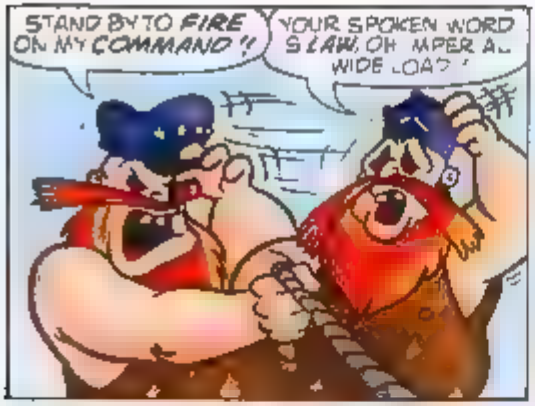

HOLY EVOLUTION! WHO ARE YOU?
ICE AGE OUT!* I'M SONUGH THE BOGHOG!!
*"CHILL OUT" TO US - Editor


BOGHOG?! DON'T YOU MEAN "HEDGEHOG"?
NEVER HEARD OF A "HEDGE," KIDDO! THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' AROUND HERE EXCEPT VOLCANOES AND BOGS!

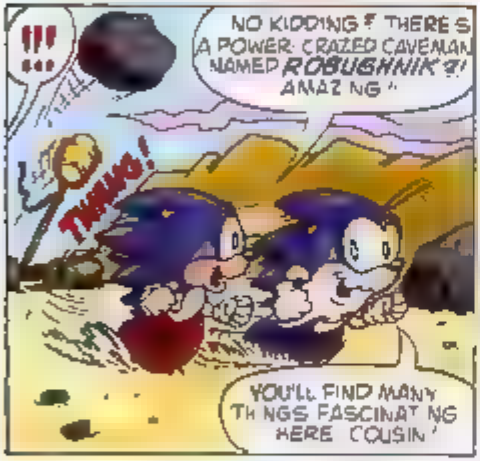
C'MON! I'LL SHOW YOU... IF YOU CAN KEEP UP!
WOW! HE ACCELERATED AS FAST AS I DID... RELATIVELY SPEAKING!
ZOOM


WHAT'S THIS? TWO SONUGH THE BOGHOGS?... OR MAYBE I NEED TO INVENT BIFOCALS
BEDROCK


IT WOULDN'T MATTER IF THERE WERE A HUNDRED OF THEM... FOR I, THE WICKED AND EVIL IVO ROBUGNNIK WILL DESTROY ALL BOGHOGS WITH MY PRIMITIVE MACHINE!


STAND BY TO FIRE ON MY COMMAND !!
YOUR SPOKEN WORD S LAW, OH MPER A. WIDE LOAD !

(GROAN) THIS WILL BE MORE FUN WHEN I GET TO NVENT ROBOT SLAVES N 40,000 CENTURIES"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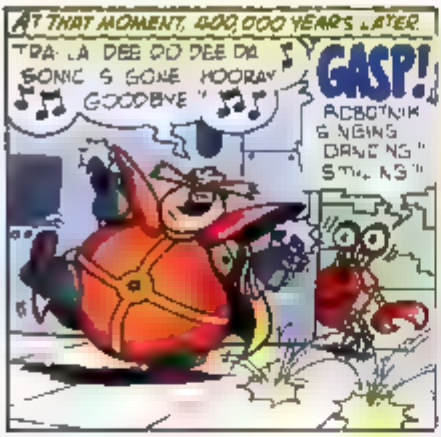
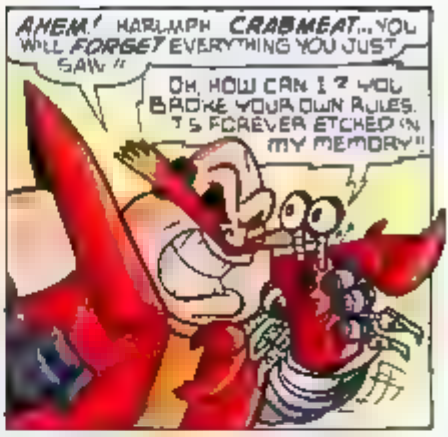
NO KIDDING ? THERE S A POWER CRAZED CAVEMAN NAMED ROBUGHNIK ?! AMAZ NG !
THUNK!
YOU'LL FIND MANY TH NGS FASCINAT NG HERE COUSIN !

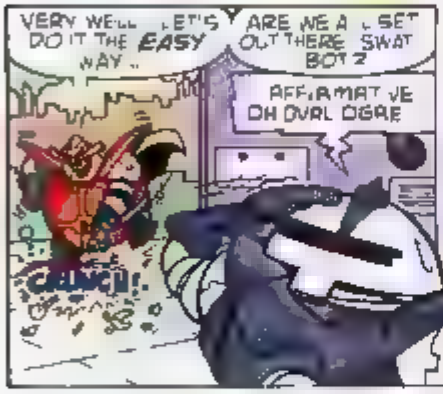
HMMM.. YOU MEAN LIKE HOW EARLY IT GETS DARK ?
THAT'S NOT NIGHT .. IT'S .. UH-OH !

THUD!

TRA LA LA DEE DOO DYEEE THE BOGHOGS HAVE GONE GOODBYE


AT THAT MOMENT, 400,000 YEARS LATER.
TRA-LA DEE DO DEE DA SONIC S GONE HOORAY GOODBYE
GASP!
ROBOTNIK S NGING DANCING STYLES


AHEM! HARUMPH CRABMEAT... YOU WILL FORGET EVERYTHING YOU JUST SAW!!
OH, HOW CAN I? YOU BROKE YOUR OWN RULES. T S FOREVER ETCHED IN MY MEMORY!!


VERY WELL LET'S DO IT THE EASY WAY..
ARE WE A SET OUT THERE SWAT BOT?
AFFIRMATIVE OH DVAL OGRE
CRUNCH!

I SHALL CUT THE RIBBON AND OPEN THE DISPLAY OF MY TIME MACHINE WHERE S THE CROWD?
THEY WENT FOR A KEG OF 10 W-40 HEY! D D YOU HEAR SOMETHING?
SEE THE INVENTION THAT SQUASHED SONIC
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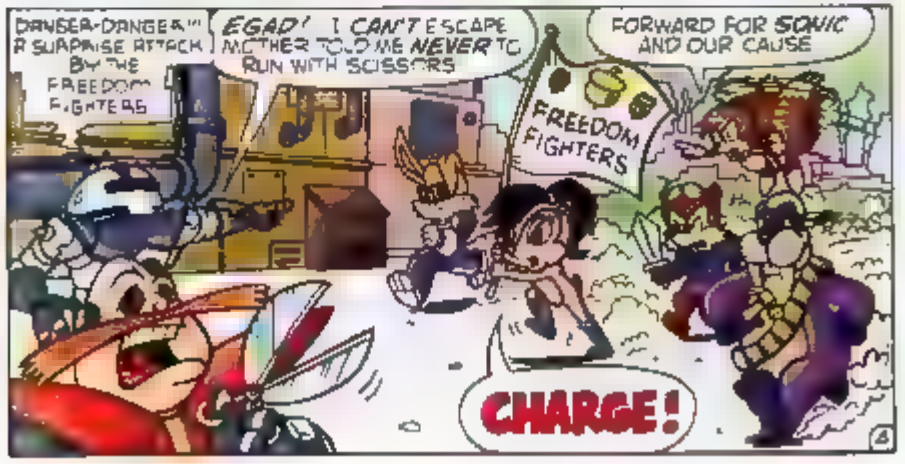
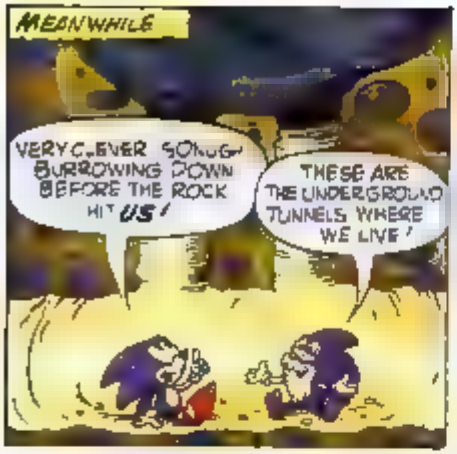
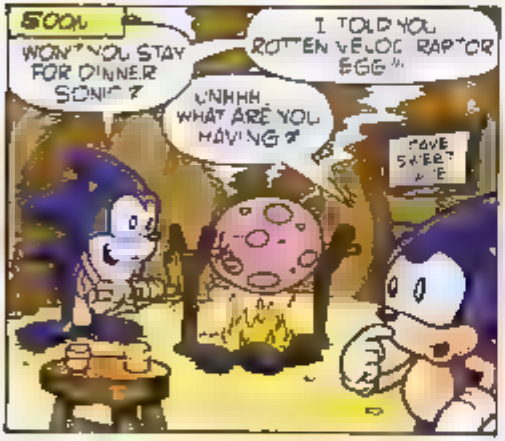
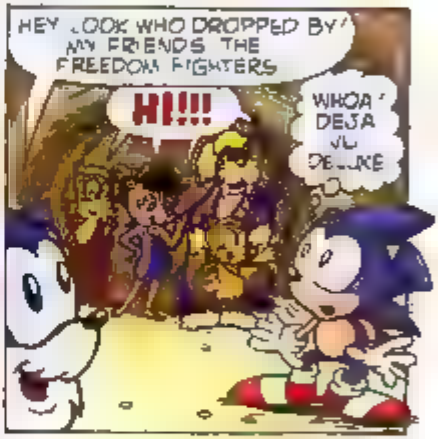
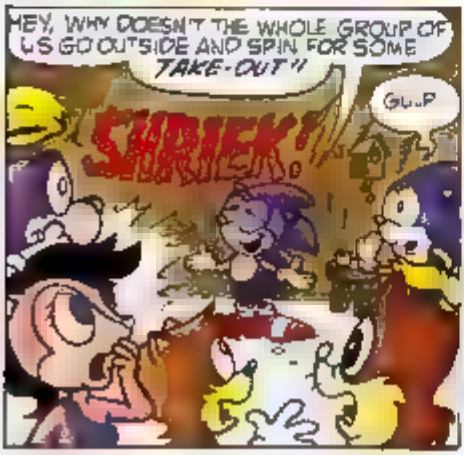

DANGER-DANGER!! A SURPRISE ATTACK BY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
EGAD! I CAN'T ESCAPE MOTHER TOLD ME NEVER TO RUN WITH SCISSORS
FORWARD FOR SONIC AND OUR CAUSE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
CHARGE!


MEANWHILE
VERY CLEVER SONIC! BURROWING DOWN BEFORE THE ROCK HIT US!
THESE ARE THE UNDERGROUND TUNNELS WHERE WE LIVE!

FOLLOW ME ... LAST ONE THERE IS A ROTTEN VELOCIRAPTOR EGG!
YUK!


SOON
WON'T YOU STAY FOR DINNER SONIC?
I TOLD YOU ROTTEN VELOC RAPTOR EGG!
UNHHH WHAT ARE YOU HAVING?


HEY LOOK WHO DROPPED BY! MY FRIENDS THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
HI!!!
WHOA! DEJA VU DELUXE


HEY, WHY DOESN'T THE WHOLE GROUP OF US GO OUTSIDE AND SPIN FOR SOME TAKE-OUT!!
SHRIEK!!
GULP

EASY ON THE "OUTSIDE," SONIC. WE DON'T GO "THERE"-- IN FACT WE'RE PLANNING ON BURROWING FURTHER UNDERGROUND
WHAT?

YOU CAN'T DO THAT! YOU ARE MY ANCESTOR! YOU'VE GOTTA LIVE ON THE SURFACE IN THE SUNSHINE AND FRESH AIR... OTHERWISE I'LL EVOLVE INTO "SONIC THE MOLE"!

BUT IT'S DANGEROUS UP THERE! DINOSAURS, ROBOTNIK!

YOU'LL ADAPT! USE YOUR BRAINS! HIDE IN THE HEDGES!

THE WHAT?

OH, THAT'S RIGHT! YOU DON'T *HAVE* HEDGES YET! ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU SALVOSH!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

SEE! YOU DIG UP THESE BUSHES AND REPLANT THEM IN A ROW! TRIM EM UP! ADD THE TWO LEVEL EFFECT!

LAND SAKES!

DON'T YOU MEAN: *LAND-SCAPE*?

SEE! THEY *DO* SEEM HAPPIER AND MORE FREE OUT HERE!

SURE! SOME DAY YOU'LL THANK ME FOR THIS! GREAT! GREAT! GREAT! GREAT! GREAT! GREAT! GREAT! GREAT! GREAT! GRANDPA!

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK! I'M GOING TO INVENT THE SHOVEL!

ADAPT
BRAINS
NO - YOUR BRAINS!
WHOA!!
PTU!!
WHOOF!
SPLAT!
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS
WE SWIPED HIS TIME MACHINE
JUST THEN, ALL IN THE STONE AGE.
SONIC
GAPER!
BETS THAT YOU'D LIKE THAT TOO!

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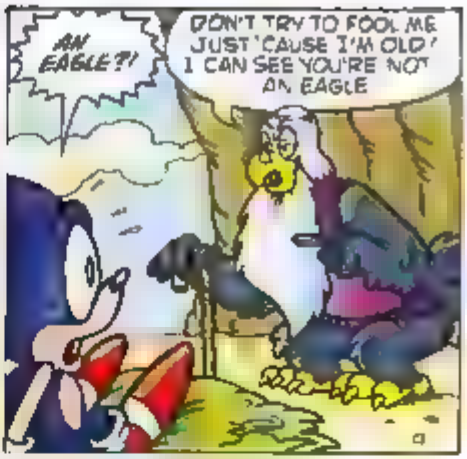
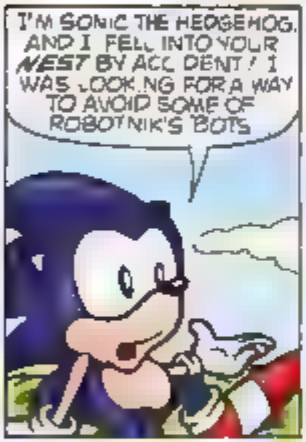
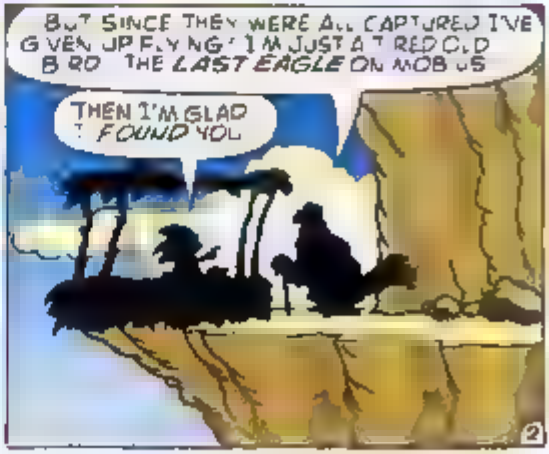
WHOA WH-WHERE AM I? THIS ISN'T HOW I PICTURED HEDGEHOG HEAVEN TO LOOK!
WHO ARE YOU, STRANGER?

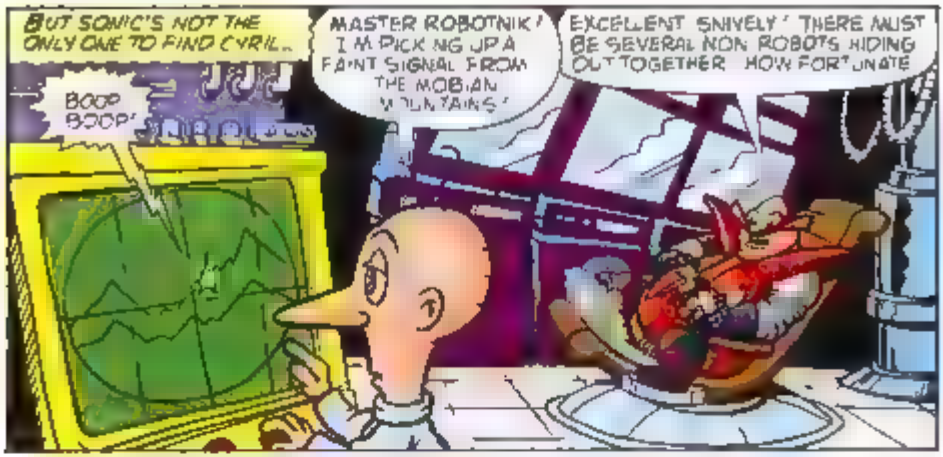

AN EAGLE?!
DON'T TRY TO FOOL ME JUST 'CAUSE I'M OLD! I CAN SEE YOU'RE NOT AN EAGLE

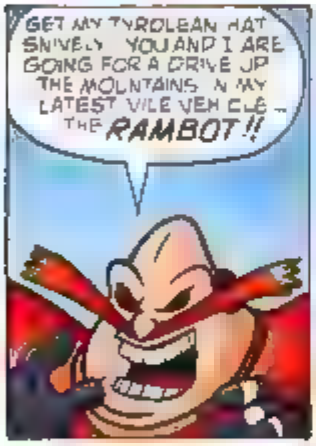

I'M SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, AND I FELL INTO YOUR NEST BY ACCIDENT! I WAS LOOKING FOR A WAY TO AVOID SOME OF ROBOTNIK'S BOTS

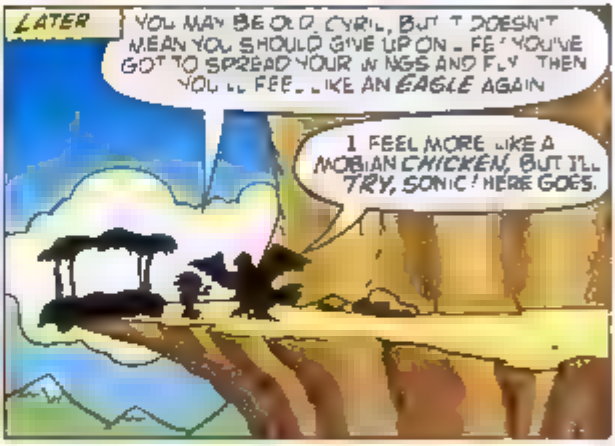
ROBOTNIK!! THAT'S THE LOW-DOWN SNAKE WHO TURNED ALL OF MY FRIENDS INTO ROBOTS! HE REALLY RUFFLES MY FEATHERS!
THAT'S HIM, THE DUKE OF PUKE HIMSELF BUT HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO ESCAPE?

BY HIDING OUT IN THE MOUNTAINS, LIKE A BIRD-BRAINED COWARD! MY NAME IS CYRIL, AND I WAS ONCE THE LEADER OF A LARGE FLOCK


BUT SINCE THEY WERE ALL CAPTURED I'VE GIVEN UP FLYING! I'M JUST A TIRED OLD BIRD, THE LAST EAGLE ON MOBIUS
THEN I'M GLAD I FOUND YOU

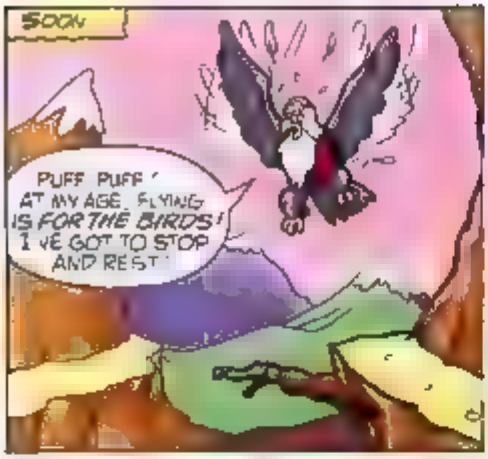

BUT SONIC'S NOT THE ONLY ONE TO FIND CYRIL...
BOOP BOOP!
MASTER ROBOTNIK! I'M PICKING UP A FAINT SIGNAL FROM THE MOBIAN MOUNTAINS!
EXCELLENT SNIVELY! THERE MUST BE SEVERAL NON ROBOTS HIDING OUT TOGETHER. HOW FORTUNATE


GET MY TYROLEAN HAT SNIVELY. YOU AND I ARE GOING FOR A DRIVE UP THE MOUNTAINS IN MY LATEST VILE VEHICLE - THE RAMBOT!!


LATER
YOU MAY BE OLD, CYRIL, BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD GIVE UP ON LIFE! YOU'VE GOT TO SPREAD YOUR WINGS AND FLY. THEN YOU'LL FEEL LIKE AN EAGLE AGAIN.
I FEEL MORE LIKE A MOBIAN CHICKEN, BUT I'LL TRY, SONIC! HERE GOES.

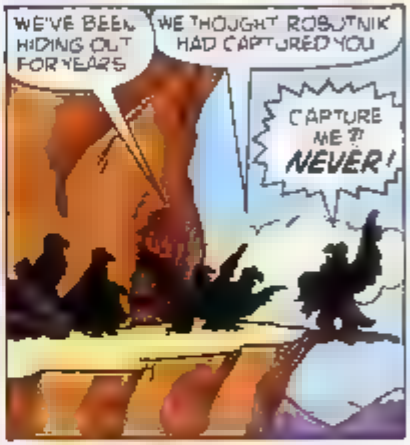
LOOK! I CAN STILL DO IT! I CAN FLY!
WAY TO GO, CYRIL

I CAN
EEEEEEE!!!
KEEP FLAPPING, CYRIL! KEEP FLAPPING!


SOON
PUFF PUFF! AT MY AGE, FLYING IS FOR THE BIRDS! I'VE GOT TO STOP AND REST!

IT'S NO USE! I MAY AS WELL LET ROBOTNIK ROBOTICIZE ME TOO! MAYBE I'LL LEARN TO LIKE THE TASTE OF MACHINE OIL!
CYRIL!

GULP! THE END MUST BE NEAR! I'M SEEING THINGS!!
NO YOU'RE NOT CYRIL! WE'RE MEMBERS OF YOUR FLOCK! REMEMBER?


WE'VE BEEN HIDING OUT FOR YEARS
WE THOUGHT ROBOTNIK HAD CAPTURED YOU
CAPTURE ME?! NEVER!

AND TO THINK I ALMOST GAVE UP! I OWE A GREAT DEAL TO THAT YOUNG HEDGEHOG!

MEANWHILE
I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TALKED CYRIL INTO TESTING HIS WINGS. HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SPOTTED BY A 'BOT.. OR ROBOTNIK HIMSELF!
OH, I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT

YOU!

SURPRISE! I WOULD ADVISE YOU NOT TO MOVE A MUSCLE, HEDGEHOG, OR MY *RAMBOT* WILL GO ON A *RAM PAGE*! HAW, HAW, HAW! I'M SO WITTY!

EXCUSE ME, OH DELUDED ONE, BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD

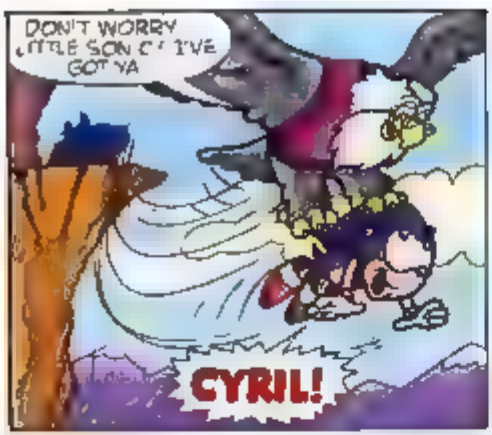
QUIET, SNIVELY! NOW, TELL ME, HEDGEHOG, HOW MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS ARE HERE WITH YOU, AND WHERE CAN I FIND THEM?

FORGET ~ AND DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE A LITTLE BIG FOR THAT *PINOCCHIO COSTUME*?

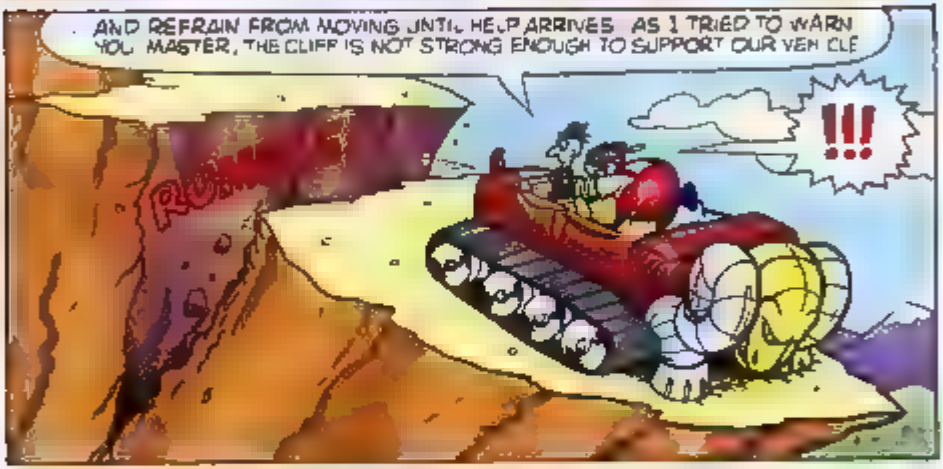
HOW *DARE* YOU INSULT ME! TAKE *THAT*, IMPUDENT FOOL!

MASTER ROBOTNIK!

SMASH!


DON'T WORRY LITTLE SON C' I'VE GOT YA
CYRIL!

SNIVELY!! THE HEDGEHOG WAS RESCUED BY AN EAGLE!!
PLEASE DO NOT RAISE YOUR VOICE MASTER!


AND REFRAIN FROM MOVING UNTIL HELP ARRIVES. AS I TRIED TO WARN YOU, MASTER, THE CLIFF IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT OUR VEHICLE
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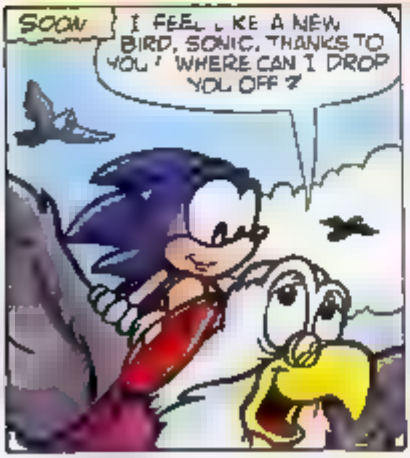
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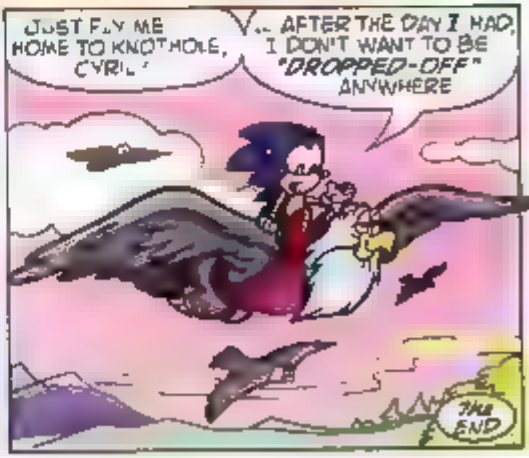
I FEEL LIKE A NEW BIRD, SONIC, THANKS TO YOU! WHERE CAN I DROP YOU OFF?


JUST FLY ME HOME TO KNOTHOLE, CYRIL!
... AFTER THE DAY I HAD, I DON'T WANT TO BE "DROPPED-OFF" ANYWHERE
THE END

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in LYNX JINX!

THE HEDGEHOG

THE SOT ONE WHAT?

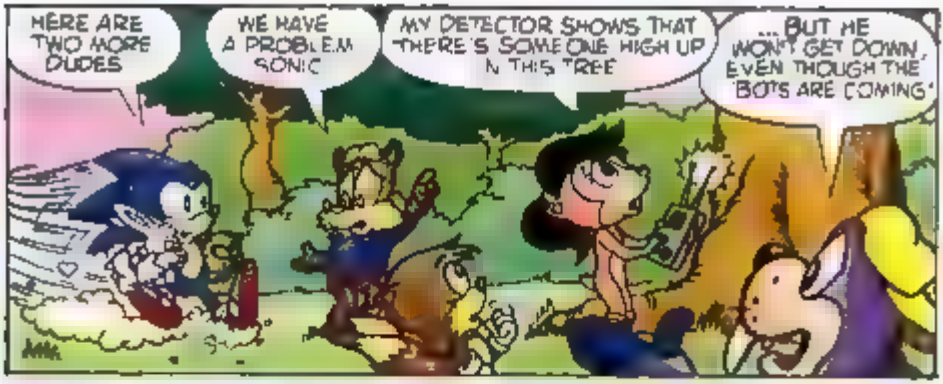
SORRY BOT-BOTS THESE ARE TWO ANIMALS THAT YOU RE *NOT* GOING TO TURN INTO ROBOTS

KOOM!

SCRIPT ANGELO DECESARE PENCILLING ART MAWHINNEY INKING [illegible]

I HATE WHEN ROBOTNIK SENDS HIS SWATBOTS ON A RAID FORCES FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO FIND THE FOREST ANIMALS BEFORE THE BOTS DO A REALLY FUN GAME... *NOT!!*

WHOOSH!


HERE ARE TWO MORE DUDES
WE HAVE A PROBLEM SONIC
MY DETECTOR SHOWS THAT THERE'S SOMEONE HIGH UP IN THIS TREE
...BUT HE WON'T GET DOWN, EVEN THOUGH THE 'BOTS ARE COMING!

NO PROBLEM I'LL GET TO HIM WITH "TREE MENDOUS" SPEED!
ZOOM!

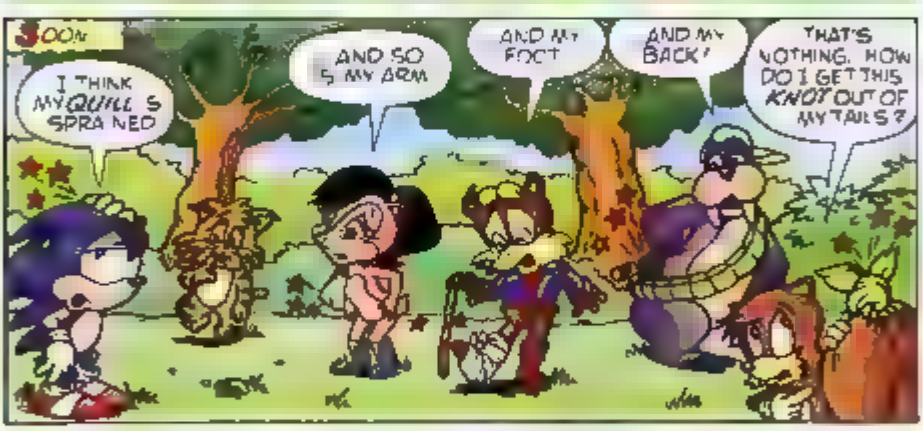
HEY YOU'RE A LYNX
BETTER NOT STAY HERE IF THE 'BOTS CATCH YOU YOU'LL NEVER NEED IRON IN YOUR DIET AGAIN
SO WHAT? I'M USED TO BAD LUCK

I'M LARRY LYNX - SUPER JINX! I BRING MISFORTUNE TO EVERYONE I COME IN CONTACT WITH
THAT'S RIDICULOUS! YOU'RE COMING BACK TO KNOTHOLE WITH US AND WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
CRACK

THE TREE BRANCH JUST BROKE OFF
!!

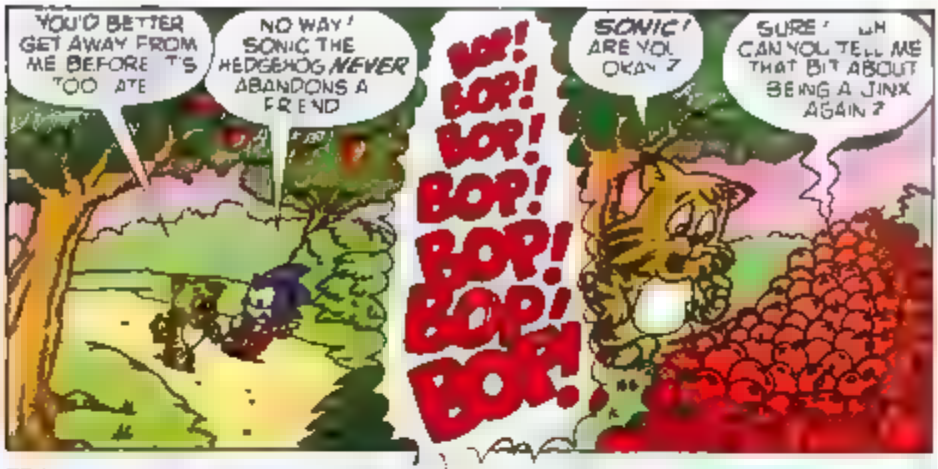
CRASH!

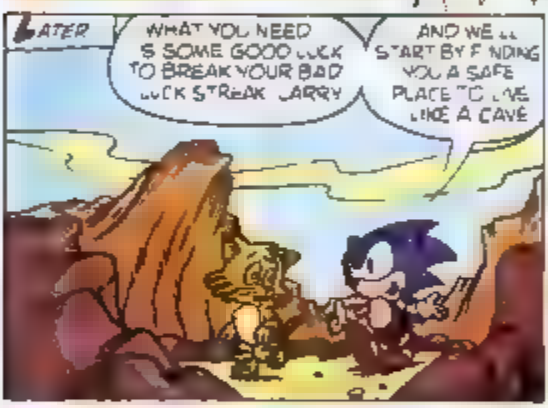
UH WHERE CAN I FIND A RABBIT'S FOOT AND A FOUR LEAF CLOVER?


SOON
I THINK MY QUILL'S SPRAINED
AND SO'S MY ARM
AND MY FOOT
AND MY BACK!
THAT'S NOTHING. HOW DO I GET THIS KNOT OUT OF MY TAILS?

I'M SORRY SONIC I'D LIKE TO BE FAIR BUT IF LARRY IS A JINX HE COULD CAUSE A DISASTER THAT WOULD MEAN THE END OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

THAT'S A RISK WE CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER PLACE TO HIDE LARRY BESIDES KNOTHOLE C'MON GUYS
BUT SALLY
SHE'S RIGHT SONIC


YOU'D BETTER GET AWAY FROM ME BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE
NO WAY! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG NEVER ABANDONS A FRIEND
BOP! BOP! BOP! BOP! BOP! BOP! BOP!
SONIC! ARE YOU OKAY?
SURE! UH CAN YOU TELL ME THAT BIT ABOUT BEING A JINX AGAIN?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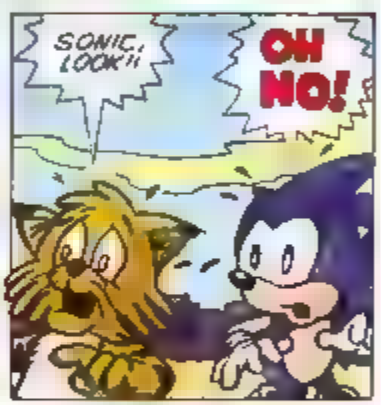
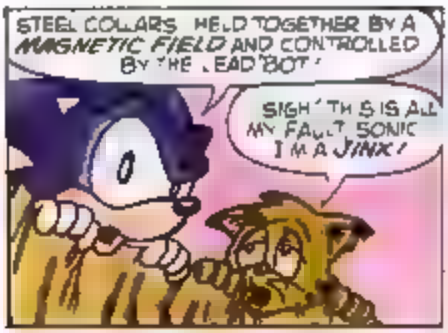
WHAT YOU NEED IS SOME GOOD LUCK TO BREAK YOUR BAD LUCK STREAK, LARRY
AND WE'LL START BY FINDING YOU A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE LIKE A CAVE


SONIC, LOOK!!
OH NO!

KEEP MOVING FREEDOM FIGHTERS
MASTER ROBOTNIK IS DOING HIS WAY TO CONGRATULATE US AND TO MEET HIS FUTURE SLAVES!
THE SWATBOTS HAVE CAPTURED SALLY AND THE GANG! THEY'RE TAKING THEM BACK TO ROBOTROPOLIS TO BE ROBOTICIZED!!
WHAT ARE THEY WEARING AROUND THEIR NECKS, SONIC?


STEEL COLLARS HELD TOGETHER BY A MAGNETIC FIELD AND CONTROLLED BY THE LEAD 'BOT!
SIGH! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT SONIC I'M A JINX!

IF IT IS LARRY THEN MAYBE IT'S TIME WE PUT SOME OF THAT BAD LUCK TO WORK FOR US!
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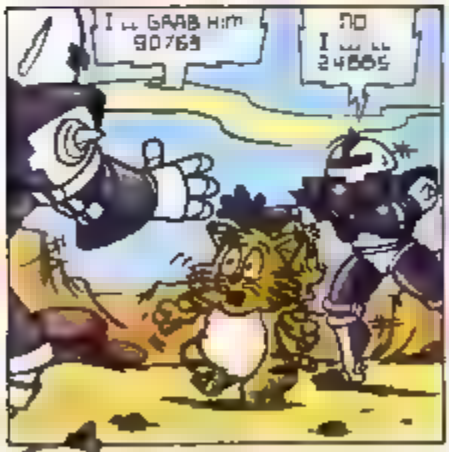
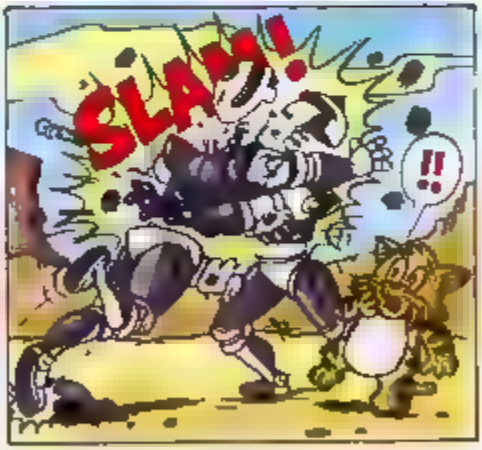
GET GOING I WANT THE SWATBOTS TO SEE YOU
I GUESS I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR GIVING UP ON ME SONIC
ANOTHER LIVING BEING
GET


I'LL GRAB HIM 90769
NO I 24865


SLAM!
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I WILL TURN UP THE MAGNETIZER AND STUN HIM INTO SUBMISSION.
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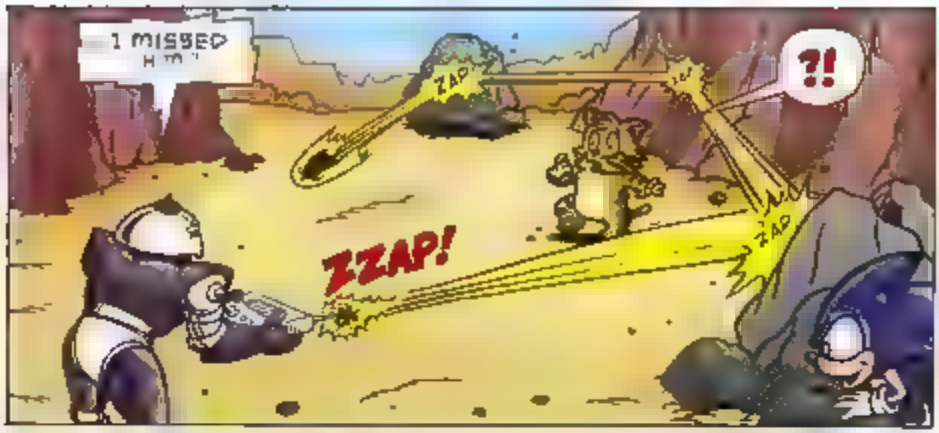
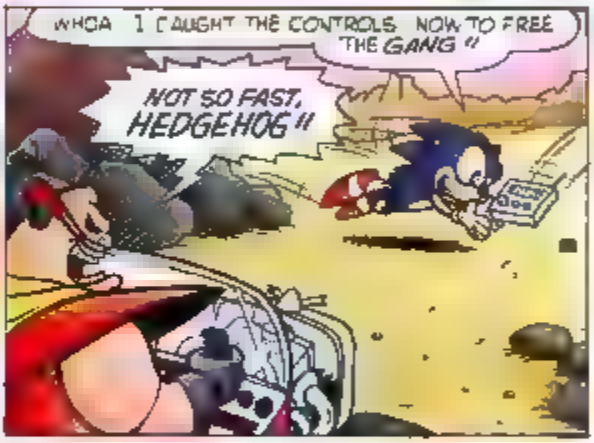
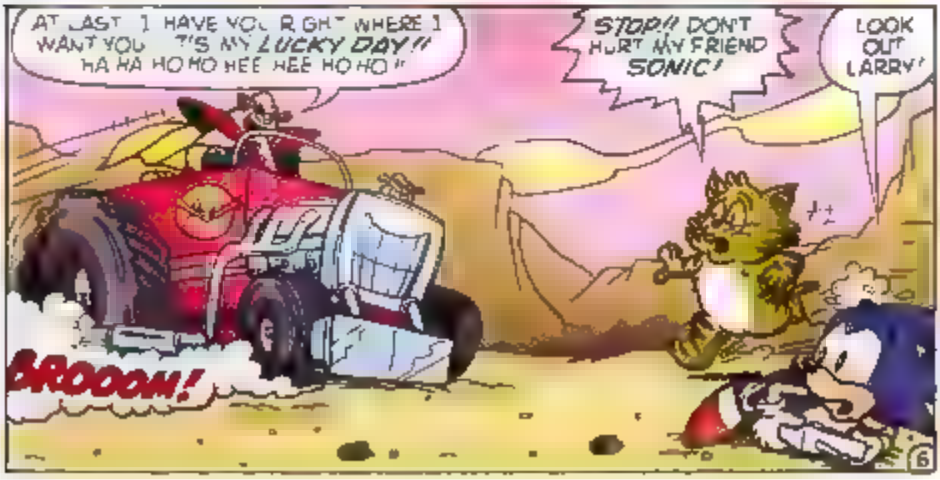
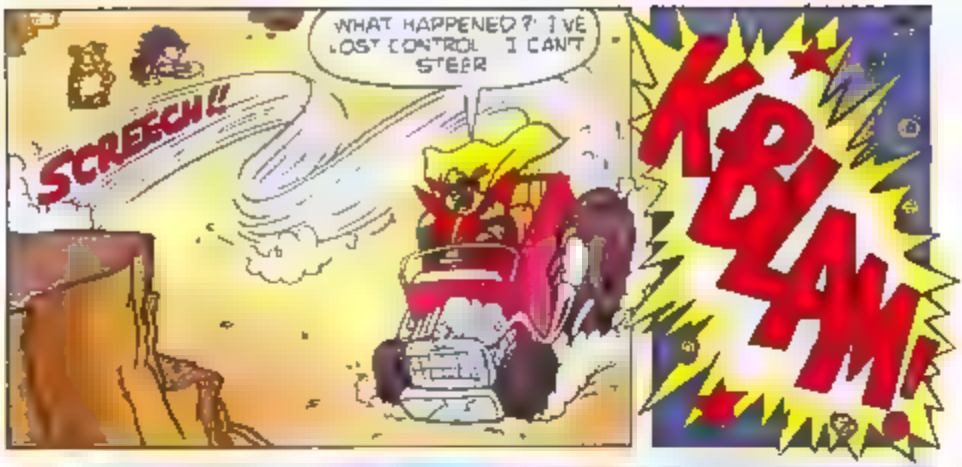
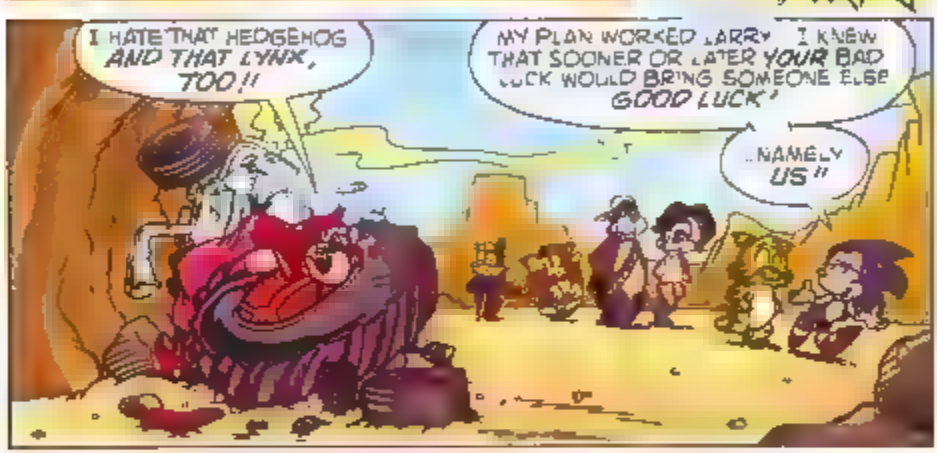

I MISSED HIM!
ZAP
?!
ZZAP!
ZAP

FZZAP!!
!!

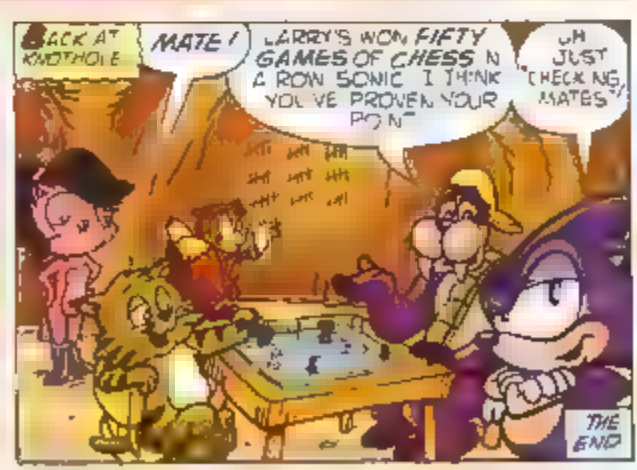

WHOA I CAUGHT THE CONTROLS NOW TO FREE THE GANG!!
NOT SO FAST, HEDGEHOG!!


AT LAST I HAVE YOU RIGHT WHERE I WANT YOU IT'S MY LUCKY DAY!! HA HA HO HO HEE HEE HO HO!!
STOP!! DON'T HURT MY FRIEND SONIC!
LOOK OUT LARRY!
BROOOM!


WHAT HAPPENED? I'VE LOST CONTROL I CAN'T STEER
SCREECH!!
KBLAM!


I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG AND THAT LYNX, TOO!!
MY PLAN WORKED LARRY I KNEW THAT SOONER OR LATER YOUR BAD LUCK WOULD BRING SOMEONE ELSE GOOD LUCK!
..NAMELY US!!

THE BAD LUCK STREAK IS BROKEN LARRY AND I KNOW HOW TO PROVE
?!


BACK AT KNOTHOLE
MATE!
LARRY'S WON FIFTY GAMES OF CHESS IN A ROW SONIC I THINK YOU'VE PROVEN YOUR POINT
OH JUST CHECKING MATES
THE END

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

How do they make those covers?

Pat "Spaz" Spaziante, one of the most sought after artists in the industry has become almost as integral to the Sonic the Hedgehog comics and spin-off series as Sonic himself. First starting in the office of Archie Comics over 10 years ago, he began by doing, among other things, original art for the Sonic comic ads. Finally getting his first chance to pencil a story and cover with issue #21 (Don't worry: we will reprint that issue in a later volume.)

From character design, interior pencils, and some of the best cover art of any comic, Spaz has worked on covers for various Sonic Specials, Super Specials, Knuckles the Echidna, and currently Sonic the Hedgehog, Sonic's newest spin-off, Sonic X, and of course these Sonic the Hedgehog Archives.

He has left the biggest and arguably most popular artistic stamps on the Sonic comic world. Despite the countless fan letters that come in daily, he is still one of the nicest and most easy going people to work with. Being so kind, Spaz let us into his creative world for a rare glimpse at how he creates a cover.

How do they make those covers? Getting started:

Each cover usually has the same process.
The editor and I go over the story - in this case several stories,
and try to pick the most exciting moment or events.
With Archives Volume 3 we both agreed Pseudo-Sonic,
the first of many to come metal Sonics, showing up, and Evil Sonic,
the carbon copy of Sonic from the reverse universe,
had to be on the cover.

With most covers we go through several quick design ideas,
never mind tossing around conceptual ideas.
For whatever reason, maybe knowing we would have this sneak peek
as to how a cover was created, we got it right on the first try.

Despite the event not happening in this collection, the idea
of having the three Sonics racing was just too good to pass up.
Of course, we would have Sonic winning the race.

This is an early Thumbnail Sketch. In most cases these
are just for me, but the editor and I know each other well
enough that this is usually it until the tight pencilling stage.
At this point, if memory serves, moving Tails from the upper left to the
upper right corner of the cover, and moving the
race banner, were the only "big" changes. Tails is that little squiggle,
in the upper left hand corner for those keeping track.

How do they make those covers?

Thumbnail Sketch:

How do they make those covers? Getting the lead out:

With a good idea of where we were going with this one, and on the first try too, I jumped right in with the pencilling. This is where the figures and the background are fully formed and moved around if necessary. Things like clouds in the sky, little bits of dust kicking up from the race, plus the people in the stands, the race banner and finish line all get a little more firmly placed in the Sonic "universe."

This is also where, once approved, I will start inking the pencil lines. At this point I will take the time to make little corrections that I notice while inking. Usually most people will never notice the difference. It is just a bit of my need to make these covers as close to perfect as possible.

For these covers, we add very little "thick -to- thin" in the inking. In traditional inking, the ink lines will vary their thickness on the page, or "thick-to-thin" but for the Archive covers, the ink lines stay the same weight, like a ball point pen. We chose this style of inking because the depth, or realism, of the cover will come from the color. During the stages of coloring we will probably have additional changes and improvements besides the several made during the inking stage.

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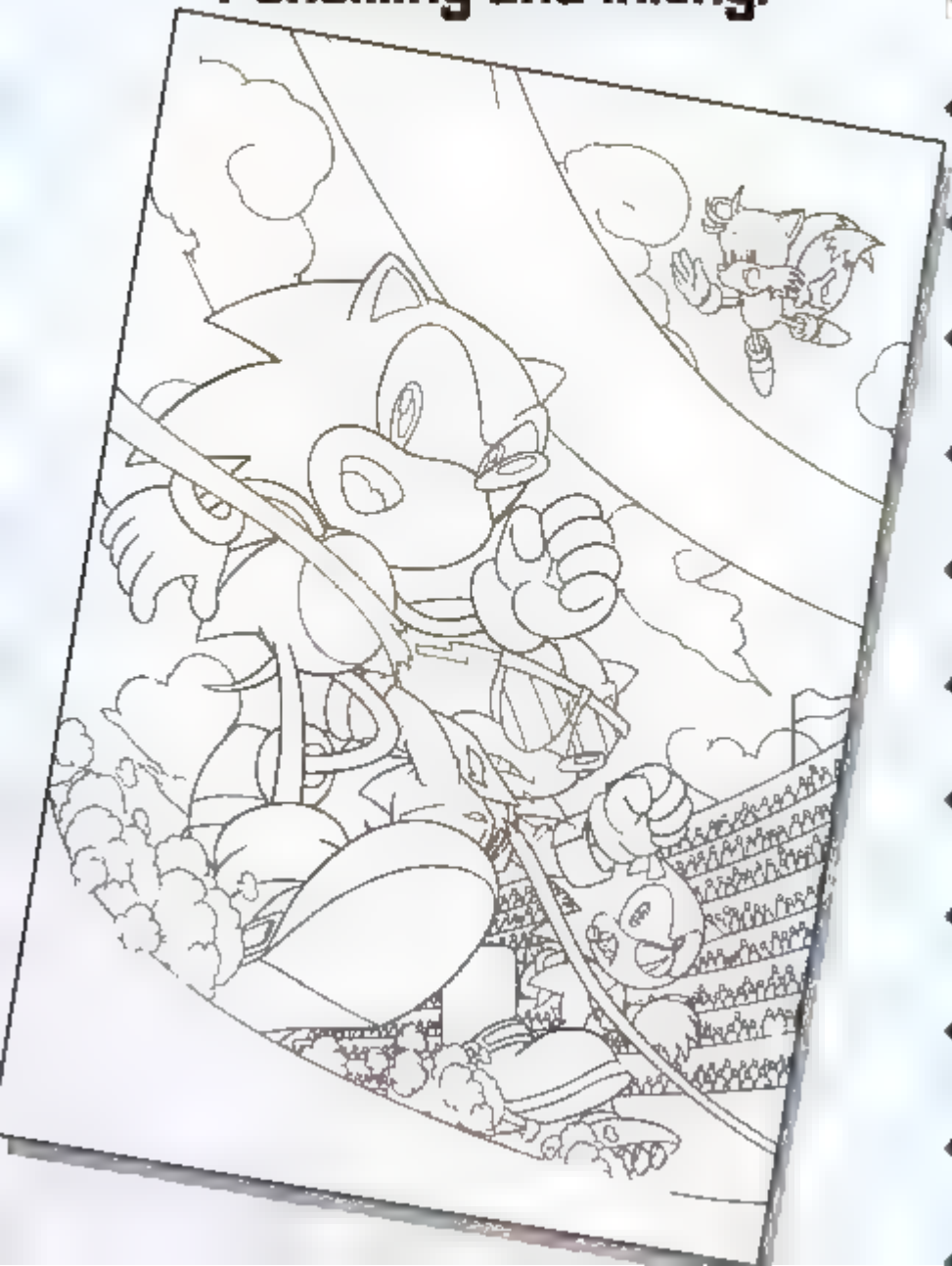
Pencilling and inking:



How do they make those covers?
Getting colorful:

During the flat coloring stage,
we have worked it out so that each character and
cover image is set up on its own layer.
Think something like magnets on a refrigerator.
Each area is colored and cleaned up
of any stray marks of ink or other mistakes.
Of course, we made some additional tweaks to
the cover during this stage.

At this point, we played around with several of the
cover elements. The buildings in the far distance on the left were
added in and served as a nice framing visual.
Tails moved around again,
and the "Big Race" banner was lowered and color was lightened
a little to help give more focus to the Sonics.
The logo color was
also changed and most notably the sky
was changed to a more brilliant sunset yellow.
The two reasons behind this were one, to
differentiate this cover from the first Archive
(hopefully you already have it and love it.)
and two, to again help the Sonics
pop out from the background.

This is how the cover looked before any rendering
and some of the changes mentioned.

How do they make those covers?

Flat coloring:

How do they make those covers? Now you know!

Here is the cover as it was handed in, placed side-by-side with the cover that actually saw print on the front of this collection. We decided to go with a yellow sky to help pop out our three blue hedgehogs.

The really observant Sonic fans out there might notice where a lot of the inspiration for the style and color of these covers come from. Being a kid myself when the first Sonic games came out, the promotional art really left a mark on me.

The goal of these covers was to reflect the time period during which the comics and the video games were first introduced. It just seemed to be the perfect place to incorporate some of that early Sonic look of both the video games and the comics.

Recreating the airbrush look of the time took hours to perfect using computer coloring programs, but seems to work nicely with the subject.

For those of you wondering, we will be continuing to update the look of the covers as the comic itself continually evolved its look and stories during its many different eras.

Thanks for taking some time to read about the process of how we create a cover

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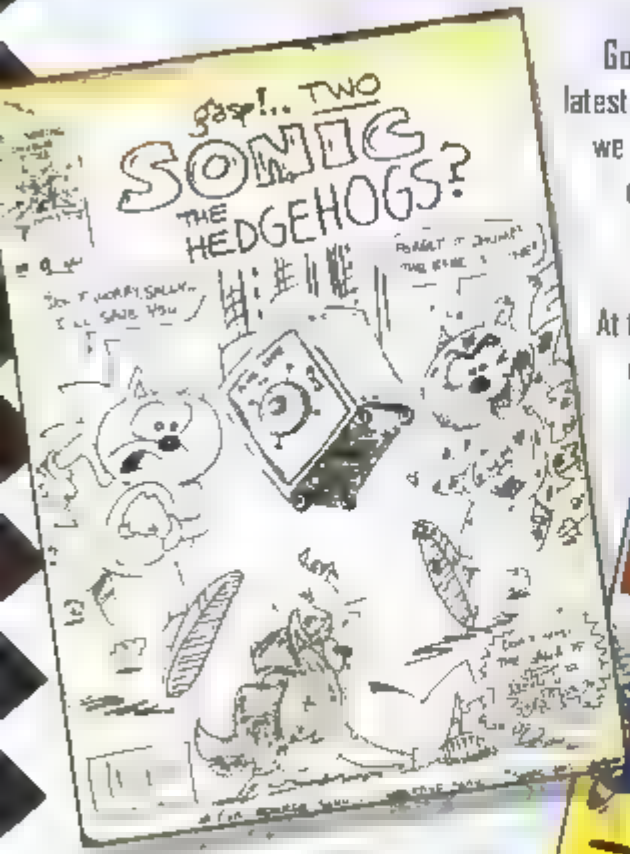
How do they make those covers? Special Extra:

Go ng through material for this latest collect on of Sonic Archives, we stumbled on to what you see on the .eft here a faxed copy of the script for the cover to Sonic the Hedgehog #9 At the time, all the scripts were in a storyboard sty e and not written or typed out



Notice how the script was a little different from what actually printed. The character in the script is a bit more .ke Evi Sonic wh e the fina cover features Pseudo Son c A so note along the bottom of the page the options for names of the hedgehog that would eventua ly be known as Evil Sonic, again despite the cover showcasing the first metal Son c, Pseudo Son c

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